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It's a wonderful life administrator

Kidney transplant recipient looks back on a year of renewed life

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

veryone is familiar with the Frank Capra movie, shown to excess at this time of year, about a man who gets a chance to see what the world would have been like without him.

His eyes opened, he stops taking his life for granted.

For 16-year-old Melissa Knigge, everyday is her own "Wonderful Life" experience.

Just a year ago, Melissa, now a junior at Antioch Community High School, was missing out on much of the fun of teenage life.

Since she was diagnosed at the age of 8, Melissa had been living with Type II, Membranoproliferative Glomerulonephritis, a rare, chronic and progressively degenerative kidney disease.

It most typically attacks children and young adults. Its cause is not known, but it often follows respiratory infections.

"In this disease, the immune system attacks the kidney. It's really scary," said her father, Kurt. "It is chronic, and it keeps getting worse."

Melissa had begun to seriously experience the effects of her condition, as her kidneys lost their ability to strain toxins out of her body. She had lost 90 percent of function in both kidneys.

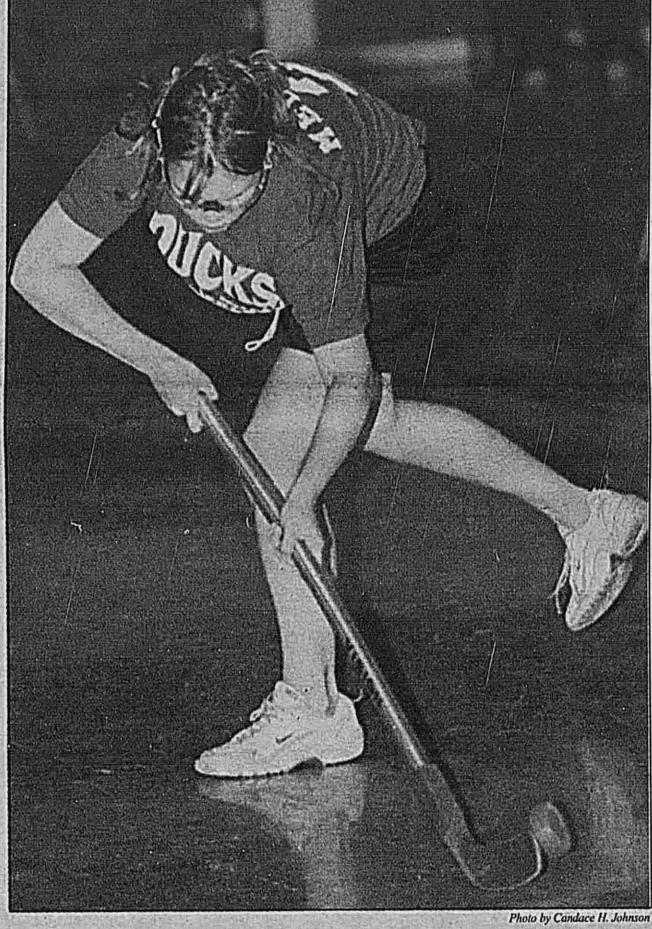
She was weak, and struggled every day to accomplish basic tasks.

Facing, at best, a lifetime of dialysis, the only way for Melissa to have a full life was with a kidney transplant.

There were a number of false starts, as family members were unable to provide a viable tissue match. The family was advised that cadaver donors often took as long as 18 months to locate.

The roller coaster of hope dipped, casting a shadow on the holiday season. Then, a call came in from the Illinois organ donor registry at Loyola.

A 43-year-old woman who died from a



Melissa Knigge plays iceless hockey with her team, The Ducks, at Palombi Middle School in Lake Villa. Knigge underwent a kidney transplant a year ago.

dispute "job creation" charge

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

After several weeks of debate amongst Antioch village officials, the issue of an alleged job creation seems to nearing a solution.

Questions arose at the Dec. 6 village board meeting about a woman who was hired to work four to eight hours a week in the economic development department.

The woman was hired by Economic Development Director Elliot Liebson but, in an article written by former Antioch News reporter Julie Murphy, two anonymous department heads claimed they had been instructed by both Mayor Taso Maravelas and Village Administrator Alan Probst to "create a position."

The allegations were based on the fact that the woman had worked for Maravelas thirty years ago and had listed him as a reference on her resume.

Maravelas acknowledged that the woman approached him about a position but said he only passed her resume along to Probst, asking him to check with his department heads to see if anything was available.

At the Dec. 6 meeting, several trustees took issue with the fact that they had not been notified of the woman's hiring, which they said was required since it was a "new posi-

tion." Trustee Mary J. Turner asked that Probst write a memo outlining the individual's duties, her pay and how long she would be working with the economic development department.

Probst completed that memo and passed it along to the village board members Dec. 8.

He stated in the memo that Maravelas "came to me and told me of this disabled lady who was in a financial bind and could use some part-time work."

Probst said Liebson hired the woman,

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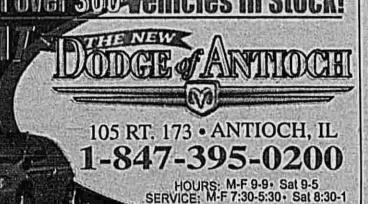
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Proposed property tax increase for Antioch

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Village of Antioch for 2004 will be held on Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the village hall, 874 Main St.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Amy S. Monroe, village clerk, 874 Main St., Antioch, 847-395-1000.

The corporate and special use purpose property taxes extended for 2003 were \$1,745,681.96.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2004 are \$2,074,041. This represents an 18.538 percent increase over the previous year extension. This increase relates primarily to an increase of 10.68 percent in new property added to the village in the past year, plus a property appreciation factor of 1.0786.

The property taxes extended for debt service for 2003 were \$402,520.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2004 are \$1,101,116. This represents a 173.6 percent increase from the previous year extension. This difference relates to the use of alternative revenues for debt service in the prior year.

The total property taxes extended in 2003 were \$2,152,202. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2004 are \$3,175,157. This represents an increase of 47.5 percent over the previous year.

LUNCH WITH SANTA



Chrystian Lisak, 2, from Antioch, tells Santa what he wants for Christmas. A photo with Santa and a kids meal helped raised money for the Kiwanis Club, during the First Annual Santa Lunch Fundralser held at RJ's Eatery in Undenhurst.

Battery leads to bogus bill bust

Antioch Police and Sheriff zero in on counterfeiters after bowling alley fight

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

An altercation at a bowling alley in Antioch led police to a local counterfeiting ring that has been circulating fake \$20 bills throughout the area.

Jacobi R. Marotta, 25, of 25790 W. Rowe, Spring Grove, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 13, for aggravated battery after he assaulted a patron in the parking lot of Antioch Bowling Lanes on Route 173.

A warrant was issued for his arrest on aggravated battery, with a \$100,000

According to Antioch Police Cmdr. Craig Somerville, Marotta called him on Dec. 12, asking why Somerville was "looking for him."

Marotta, released from the Department of Corrections in September, was wanted for parole violation. He had been serving time for theft and burglary.

When he spoke to Somerville, he allegedly threatened to jump the arrest warrant. Authorities moved quickly, revoking parole and remanding him to Lake County Jail, with \$500,000 bond.

Meanwhile, Marotta had been positively identified as one of a group of people circulating manufactured \$20 bills since Oct. 16. He was charged with three counts of forgery for circulating the bills at the Limerick Lounge, Subway and Szechuan Palace in Antioch.

Police described the computergenerated bills as "poor quality" counterfeits made from a single bill, with the serial number BL31057416A, and asked anyone who finds bills with that number to turn them in to police.

While getting approval for the aggravated battery charges, police were informed of other charges against Marotta, including a warrant from Waukegan for aggravated battery and theft of a motor vehicle.

Once in custody, Marotta gave information to police about others

involved in the bill-passing scheme.

One of the alleged counterfeiters, Robert J. Spiller, 20, of 23314 Liberty Ave., LakeVilla, is wanted by the Lake County Sheriff's Office on a \$20,000 warrant for class 3 felony forgery for manufacturing between \$600-1,000 in fake \$10 and \$20 bills.

Other suspects may be arrested as well.

The bills were reportedly circulated in Antioch, Gurnee, Round Lake Beach and Wonder Lake.

Information about the counterfeit currency has been circulated to law enforcement agencies via the LEADS network from Milwaukee to Springfield.

to locate them, until this week.

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Police called at the suspects'

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Richard Siciliano, 50,

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Mayor announces slate

By Matt Pera Staff Reporter

Power in numbers has become a major theme in the upcoming April election for mayor in Antioch. trustee

After third-term Dorothy Larson announced her plans to run against Mayor Taso Maravelas with a slate called the Citizens for Antioch Party (CAP), Maravelas formed a team of his own, called Antioch NOW.

The mayor made announcement Dec. 9 at the Best Western in Antioch, flanked by the new

members of his slate-Jim Parks, Dennis Crosby and current trustee Bob Caulfield.

Taso Maravelas:

Mayor of Antioch

"After a lot of thinking I decided that if I get elected, I've got to

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Maravelas has outlined a fivepoint plan for his second term, which he identified in a statement as establishing "financial accounta-

bility; continued infrastructure improvements; sensible, controlled growth; developing the downtown district; and building a recreation campus."

Caulfield is currently in his first term as a trustee and has been the village board finance committee chairman for the past four years. He said the board had made

strides by correcting a fledgling budget and indicting former village officials who had mishandled funds.

"Two-thirds of Illinois municipalities operate in the red," he said. "In 2001 we were one of them but, now, we are in the black. We have overcome a legacy of criminal mismanagement, brought financial modern responsibility and accounting systems to Antioch."

Parks, who announced his independent candidacy in July, has worked in the medical profession for companies such as Baxter Healthcare and Windstone Medical, a national hospital supplier.

While Parks said he and the rest of Antioch NOW shared the same vision for the village, he added that it was important for trustees to vary in their opinions.

"I think diversity on a village board is extremely important because you arrive at the best result if you have the opportunity to debate and discuss and negotiate what is the final outcome," he said.

Crosby is the former vice-president of American Airlines and is now the regional vice-president of

'After a lot of thinking I decided that if I get elected, I've got to have somebody to work with me and do the things that the Village of Antioch deserves'

> Taso Maravelas Mayor of Antioch

Logistics Unlimited, a nationwide freight company.

"I can't think of a better person to be supporting," Corsby said of Maravelas. "The four of us working together can get a lot done with the village and help it move on to the 21st century."

Parks said the slate is devoted to running the village as a business, driving to "a positive bottom line," which he said separated Antioch NOW from CAP.

CAP consists of Larson, Bob McCarty, who is currently on the village planning and zoning board, Bob Kaiser, who is an internal auditor for the State Bank of the Lakes, and current trustee Scott Pierce.

Larson has said she feels the responsibilities of running a business differ from those of govern-

"To say it's run like a business is a lovely idea we all like," she said. "However rules that apply to us are not the same as rules that apply to a business. We are beholden to the people that put us here."

Maravelas said a rally for his slate is scheduled for Feb. 16 at the Antioch Best Western. Crosby said more information will be available at the campaign Web site, www.AntiochNOW.org, in the coming weeks.

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'Top shelf' thieves arrested

Marotta

Crooks traded stolen booze for drug money

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

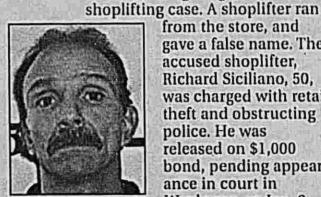
Although they allegedly stole nothing but the best, alcohol was not the drug of choice for two Antioch residents.

Richard M. Mascarella, 49, and Michalene Miller, 42, both of 42701 N. Deep Lake Road, Antioch, are now in custody in the Lake County Jail, on \$50,000 and \$20,000 bonds, respectively. The pair were arrested by Antioch police and charged with enhanced retail theft.

The couple stands accused of stealing up to 100 bottles of "top shelf" brands of liquor from the Antioch Piggly-Wiggly over the past two months.

According to police, they took bottles of Absolut, Crown Royal and other premium liquors and sold them for half-price to finance the purchase of heroin.

Store security tapes captured the two, and witnesses provided a detailed description of the vehicle, but police had been unable



Mascarella





Siciliano

ance in court in Waukegan on Jan. 6. Siciliano lives in the same house as Mascarella and Miller. While in the house, police observed a hat emblazoned with the

veillance videotape. Police also found a jacket, with slits in the lining to accommodate the stolen bot-

word "Chicago," which

matched one seen in

the supermarket sur-

A vehicle in the driveway of the house matched the description of the one identified by store employ-

The suspects are also alleged to have been involved in an armed robbery in Paddock Lake, Wis.

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Hillcrest Elementary

Mrs. Winnie's and Mrs. Zielinski's first grade classes put on their class play Dec. 16 in the multi-purpose room.

There is no school Jan. 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

W.C. Petty School

Second grade classes are celebrating Christmas around the world throughout this week. Class Christmas parties will be Dec. 17.

Mighty Acorns

Two fourth-grade classes at Oakland Elementary School are participating in the "Mighty Acorns" program through the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Might Acorns is an earth stewardship program for the fourth and fifth grade students. The students in Miss Kramer's and Miss Block's fourth grade classes will make three visits to a Lake County Forest Preserve where the students will perform community service such as planting seeds of native species while learning about plant and animal life. The first visit was to Grant Woods in November and involved student groups in restoration activities such as brush cutting and seed collecting. The students will be returning for a second visit during the winter months. This program was organized Oakland's science teacher, Mrs. Higginbotham and was funded by the PTO.

Two at Music Festival

The Illinois Music Educators Association held its annual choral and band auditions in October. Grant High had 10 band and 10 choir students participate in this rigorous audition process. Kelly Koske, a senior and Stephanie Behm, a junior, went on to represent GCHS at the IMEA District 7 Music Festival at Glenbrook South High School. Both students participated in a full day of activities with 230 other high school students from District 7.

Behm was part of the band while Koske was in the choir.

"They both had a wonderful time there. They scored the highest among GCHS students," said teacher Krista Koske.

SCHOOLNEWS Announce filing period for school board candidates

Nominating petition forms for the April 5, school board election in Community High School District 117 are now available. Forms may be picked up in the office of the board secretary at 1625 Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa on any business day between 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The offices will be closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

A school board candidate's petition must be filed in the same office no earlier than 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18 and no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Candidates' names will appear on the election ballot in the order in which their nominating papers are received in the secretary's office.

Four seats on the seven-member board of education will be filled at the April 5 election. Candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April 2009.

To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a resident of the State of Illinois and the school district for at least one year immediately preceding the election, and a registered voter.

Elections are nonpartisan and board candidates do not indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in The School Code.

Nominating papers may be filed by the candidate in person, by mail or by an agent. They consist of the following:

1. Nominating petitions signed by at least 50 voters residing within the district. Petitions must be securely bound together with pages numbered consecutively, and each page must carry the notarized signature of the petition circulator.

2. Statement of candidacy, which includes a request that the candidate's name be placed on the official ballot, the address of the candidate, the office sought, and a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office and has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as noted above.

Other important dates for candidates are:

. Tuesday, Feb. 1: last day for filing objections to nominating papers in the office of the board secretary.

. Thursday, Feb. 3: last day for candidates to withdraw from nomination.

Further information on becoming a candidate in the April 5 board election may be obtained by contacting Linda Sigler, 1625 Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa, IL 60046.

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, contact the Illinois Association of School Board for a free booklet, "Your School Board and You." Write: IASB, 2921 Baker Dr., Springfield, IL 62703. The booklet also is available at the association's web site: http://www.iasb.com/free_pubs.htm.

Nominating petition forms for Antioch School Dist. 34 available

Nominating petition forms for the April 5, 2005 school board election in Antioch C. C. School District 34 are now available. Forms may be picked up in the office of the board secretary, as 800 N. Main St., Antioch, on any business day between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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ANTIOCH

No valid driver's license

Hector J. Landa, 19, of 1320 June Way. Round Lake, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 8, at 12:22 a.m., while driving a blue 1990 Chevy Astro van northbound on Main Street near Ida. Police stopped the driver after observing only one working headlight. He was charged with improper lighting and no valid driver's license. He was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 26, at 9 a.m.

LAKE VILLA

Battery

Shaun M. Hinchey, 39, of 5305 Joseph Court, Johnsburg, and Michael J. Tubek Jr., 41, of 1618 Mulberry Drive, Lake Villa, were arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 9, at 9:30 p.m., at the Corner Crossings bar, 11 E. Grass Lake Road, near Route 83. Police came to the location following an accident. Hinchey said he was backing his silver-colored 2004 Chevy pick-up truck out of its parking space when he hit a blue 2001 Honda coupe driven by a 34-year-old Antioch man. He allegedly attempted to resolve the accident without police involvement. Hinchey and the alleged victim each accused the other of pushing. A bouncer at the bar witnessed both the accident and the incident that followed. Police charged Hinchey and Tubeck with battery, and served them each with a notice to appear in Grayslake Branch III court on Jan. 12, at 3 p.m.

Possession of cannabis

Curtis Presley Jr., 26, of 101 Lunga Drive, Round Lake Beach, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 8, at 3:12 a.m., while driving a blue 1986 Dodge Diplomat southbound on Route 83 near Route 132. Police observed the vehicle's temporary registration plate was expired. The driver produced a Minnesota driver's license. His license was reported suspended in both Minnesota and Illinois. Police found a partially smoked hand-rolled marijuana cigarette in the car's center console. The driver had a plastic bag in his pocket containing 6.45 grams of a substance that field-tested positive as cannabis. He was charged with possession of cannabis, driving an uninsured motor vehicle, driving with a suspended license and driving with an expired registration. He was released on a \$2,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 12, at 1:30 p.m.

Jeremiah T. Stone, 23, of 317 Oak Hill Court, Antioch, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Dec. 4, at 2:23 a.m., after driving a red 2000 Chevrolet Camaro southbound on Route 83 near Grass Lake Road. The driver passed police who were talking to a woman in the parking lot of Paradise Found bar. As he passed the bar, Stone allegedly yelled an obscenity at police, then made an abrupt turn west on Grass Lake Road, spinning his wheels, and failing to signal the turn. Police followed the car, catching up with it in the driveway of a home on Fox Run Road. The car had apparently crashed into a tree 15-20 feet from the driveway. The driver was unable to exit the car because the door was resting against another tree. Both airbags had deployed and the windshield was smashed. A female passenger was given a leash for a pitbull in the car, and the woman and dog were put in the back of a squad car. A partially smoked marijuana cigarette was found on the floorboard of the car, near the driver's seat. The driver was cited by the Lake County Sheriff's Office for no proof of insurance. Lake Villa Police charged Stone with reckless driving, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle and possession of cannabis. He was released on a \$2,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan on Jan. 14.

LINDENHURST

Warrant arrest

Robert Paul MacArthur, 50, of 2307 Rolling Ridge, Lindenhurst, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 13, at 12:41 a.m., at his home. Police visited the premises at the request of the Crystal Lake Police Department, which had a warrant for MacArthur's arrest on charges of deceptive practices. He was taken into custody and held for transportation by McHenry Police.

Driving with a suspended license

Sharon R. Dacres, of 6221 N. Francisco, Chicago, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 11, at 6:13 p.m., while driving a black 2000 Dodge Intrepid eastbound on Route 132 near Crabtree. Police observed only one operating headlight o the vehicle. She was charged with improper lighting, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and driving with a suspended license. She was released on a \$200 bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 5, at 10:30 a.m.

David J. Swan, 23, of 1801 Fairfield Road, Lindenhurst, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 8, at 1:50 p.m., while driving a brown 2002 Toyota Corolla on Highpoint near Beck. He was charged with driving with a suspended license, and was released on a \$1,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 5, at 10:30 a.m.



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DUI ARRESTS

The following people have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Kenneth J. Bulthlus, 32, of 25496 Lehmann Blvd., Lake Villa, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 11, at 12:50 a.m., while driving a black 1996 Ford sedan westbound on Route 173 near Route 59. The driver refused field sobriety tests and breath tests. He was charged with improper lane usage and DUI. He posted cash bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 4, at 9 a.m.

Shawn K. Fugett, 24, of 41992 Smith, Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 9, at 1:58 a.m., while driving a red 1993 Saturn sedan eastbound on Route 173 near Tiffany Road. He was observed driving 51 mph in a 40-mph zone. He failed field sobriety tests, and a breath test yielded a result of .159 BAC. He admitted drinking eight beers. He was charged with speeding, improper lane usage, DUI and DUI over .08 BAC. He was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 11, at 9 a.m.

Gary L. Stewart, 37, of 136 Tree Line Road, Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 8, at 1:02 a.m., while driving a gray 1998 Volvo sedan on Route 173 near Deep Lake Road. He was charged with driving left of center, improper lane usage, DUI and DUI over .08 BAC. He failed field sobriety tests, and a breath test yielded a result of .109 BAC. He admitted drinking six beers. He was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 4, at 9 a.m.

Zoran R. Stijovic, 61, of 223 Bridgewood, Antioch, was arrested by Antioch Police on Dec. 5, at 9:37 p.m., while driving a red 1996 Ford Ranger pick-up truck northbound on Pickard near Depot. He failed field sobriety tests, and refused breath tests. He was charged with DUI and improper lane usage. He was released on an I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 26, at 9 a.m.

at hunt club after incident

Nippersink Elementary District 2 offcials are worried about any future incidents near Richmond Hunt Club.

"Fortunately, we were able to avoid a tragedy. People should not be able to shoot a gun so close to the road," said George Zimmer, superintendent of the Richmond school dis-

One person, Steven Carr, was arrested after a hunting incident on club property off routes 173 and 12. Carr was out hunting when a pellet struck a moving District 2 school bus. Two windows were broken, but all students were safe and returned home, Zimmer said. Zimmer said that the windows will be replaced.

Carr was arrested by McHenry County Sheriff's police on Dec. 9.

"I would like to meet with the hunt club owner and the zoning commission of McHenry County," Zimmer said.

Ex-camp worker sentenced

A former Camp Duncan worker will lose his privilege of living in the United States after he serves a sentence following a conviction in an attempt to seek sex with a teenage girl.

Lake County Circuit Court Judge Christopher Starck sentenced Timothy Jungo, 24, of Uganda; to 26 months in prison on Dec. 1. Jungo was arrested in August after attempt-

ing to set up a relationship with a woman, who was a Lake County Sheriff's Department worker. "The Camp Duncan YMCA acted correctly,

notifying the Lake County Sheriff's office of the 24-year-old's behavior. Jungo will be deported after completing his sentence," Lake County Assistant State's Attorney Eric Kalata said.

Regs needed KAntioch man killed by train

An Antioch man was struck and killed by a train while walking home from a nearby bar on the night of Saturday, Dec. 11.

Lake County Coroner Dr. Richard Keller said it was common practice for Scott Moore, 33, of 40338 N. Shady Lane in Antioch, to walk along the train tracks when on his way home from the Paradise Lounge.

At approximately 7:30 Saturday night, Keller said a passing train hit Moore near the intersection of Route 83 and Lake Shore Drive.

About a half-hour later, Keller said a friend of Moore's went looking for him, discovered his body and called the police.

Troops benefit from generosity

Boxes upon boxes were lined up in a Grant High classroom, piled high with various essentials for soldiers in serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The effort was coordinated by the Grant High Student Council.

"We have bags of wet wipes, gum, toliteries and chapstick," said advisor Eric Taubery. "We also have peanuts and Gatoraid."

"They get a lot of broad range of stuff, a good variety," said GCHS Student Council President Ashley Pasciewicz.

Student council member Tabitha Rand said that the girls should get extra chocolate. One of the boxes went to a GCHS grad,

Cipran Ruso, who is serving in Iraq. Students also collected mittens and coats, for the needy, turned over to Grant Township.





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head trauma was a match. Her family agreed to allow the transplant.

Melissa's feelings were scrambled. "I felt bad for the woman's family," she said. "But I was also excited that I had a second

chance." Melissa went into the hospital on Jan. 1, had surgery on Jan. 2, and was back home on

Jan. 6. Her recovery was rapid, and now, to the casual observer, she looks and acts like any

other active teenager. Aside from attending school, Melissa plays iceless hockey and whiffle ball, and this year participated in the Transplant Olympics World Games, accompanying 50 members of Team Illinois at the games at the University of Minnesota.

There, she took a gold medal in the bowling competition.

After school, Melissa holds a part-time job as a hostess at RJ's Eatery in Lindenhurst. The restaurant manager, Kris Pelas, hosted fundraising efforts for Melissa during the past year. Money was raised by the community to help offset the cost of the expensive medicines Melissa needs to control rejection and main-

who is 64, to help him update files no more

than eight hours a week at eight dollars per

Village attorney Robert Long also provided

a memo to board members, outlining the

mayor's right to manage temporary employ-

ees. He cited an ordinance (65 ILCS 5/3.1-15-

10) that designates the mayor as "chief execu-

tive officer of a village."

"To the best of my knowledge, there have

tain healthy blood pressure.

The medication itself was something of an issue for Melissa at first.

"Prednizone (blood pressure medication) made me gain weight," she said. "I gained about 50 pounds since the surgery.

At one point, Melissa's tiny 5-foot-2-inch frame weighed 150 pounds. Now she is down to 120. She credits the weight gain with a gain in perspective, as well.

"It made me realize how happy I am about who I am," she said. At first, the petite teenager was upset by the weight increase. Now, she counsels others on the drug to "be patient, and stick with it."

"I never judged anyone on appearance," she said. "But now, it gets to me more when someone says something unkind to someone else. I take it to heart."

Melissa's dreams have no limits. She intends to begin her college education at the College of Lake County, for her core courses, but plans to go on from there.

"I want to do something to help people," she said. She would like to be a police officer or serve in the Peace Corps.

been no resolutions or ordinances that regu-

late temporary workers in any way," he said.

Mostly, she is grateful to seize each day, and

is appreciative of the family whose love and

support sustained her through t worst of days. "My parents don't know how much I appreciate them," she said. "My mother (Beth) is my best friend, She's always there for me."

Melissa said she never heard a word of complaint about the cost of her treatment or the emotional strain her parents experienced.

"It must have been hard watching their daughter get worse and worse," she said.

Melissa wants people to take seriously the power of organ donation.

"If not for the transplant, I might not be here," she said. "Looking at me, you'd never know I had a transplant. At the Transplant

Olympics, you could not tell, just from looking, who had one and who didn't.'

She encourages everyone to sign the organ donor form on their driver's licenses, and to consult with their families about organ dona-

Most of all, Melissa knows that whatever happens, it is a "wonderful life."

"I am so grateful for every day," she said. "It is so awesome just to be here."

For information about live organ donation, visit the Internet at www.livingorgandonor.org.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Plan questioned

This is in response to the idea of District 117 starting the school year of 2005 a few weeks earlier. I would like to make a few points regarding this:

 First of all, we need to take into consideration District 34. There are five schools in District 34, two of which are not air-conditioned. This can pose a potential problem with the younger students in the heat of summer. They can quickly become dehydrated in such conditions. I have two older children who attended one of those schools when they were younger and they came home some days like a wet dishrag and this was during a normal school year.

 Secondly, we also need to take into consideration that parts of ACHS are not air conditioned. There is a dress code at ACHS which requires students to be dressed a certain way. If it happens to be 105 degrees on Aug. 18, how will you tell them they can't wear short shorts or even spaghetti strapped tops. This, again, is a safety concern for our older students. Yes, they need to be dressed appropriately but it becomes even harder to enforce this in extreme heat conditions.

 Thirdly, there are many of us parents (I being one of them) who have older children at the high school and younger ones in District 34. I happen to use my older children at the high school and younger ones in District 34. I happen to use my older children as an after-school day care provider for my District 34 student. The fact that District 117 dismisses earlier than District 34 makes it an ideal situation as far as keeping my little one safe until my husband or I are home from work. Again, the needs of families and District 34 need to be taken into consideration.

Fourthly, while I understand (and even like the idea) the concept of testing before winter break rather than after, this is something that has been done for generations. The older students know this is how it's done, they have become accustomed to taking their finals after winter break, so they are used to it. Also, if I tell my older two they are going to start school two weeks earlier, I think I am going to get a lot of flak from them (I personally don't think I'll be the only parent getting this kind of reaction either.)

 And last, but certainly not least, let's take into consideration family time and vacation time. There are many families who take vacations the week or two before school starts. Many families plan these things out way in advance. Some vacations for 2005 may be already planned. I say we look at this concept at perhaps another time. You can't just all of a sudden (when half of the present school year is over) say, "for the following school year, we will be starting two weeks early." People need to plan for this type of thing or maybe even get a chance to "vote" on it some way. The two districts definitely need to be on the same page if this is to be done.

Kim Emerson Antioch

hour with no benefits. "This, coupled with the general power to serve He went on to say the job was temporary as executive officer indicates that the mayor and would most likely be completed by the may direct or allow the hiring of temporary end of January, adding that he did not think it workers so long as additional funds do not had been necessary to get clearance from the need to be appropriated." board when Liebson made the hire. Village Trustee Barbara Porch said the

"My specific interpretation is that we were board did not wish to micromanage departnot creating a position in violation of the ment heads, but maintained that the board board's guidance," he said in the memo. "No should still approve or reject the hiring of job description was to be created, no position employees in new positions. designated, and no benefits were to be provid-

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"I think Bob Long interpreted the findings differently than I would have," she said. "A temporary position is much different than a permanent full-time position but I don't know that it gives the mayor or the administrator any special powers. I think the board should still be the responsible party."

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A Christmas theme

By Matt Pera Staff Reporter

Anyone who has seen the classic holiday spoof "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" likely remembers actor Chevy Chase's character, Clark Griswold, standing. poised and beaming in his front yard holding the plug of an extension cord in one gloved hand, and the socket in the other.

Suspense builds as he slowly brings them together until they connect. When he finally plugs the cord in, his face lights up with glee at a golden glow emitting off camera as exultant choral music explodes over the soundtrack.

In the next shot, the audience sees that Griswold has covered nearly the entire surface of his house's exterior with strings upon strings of Christmas lights.

Unfortunately for Clark, the exhilaration is short-lived. The powerful lights drain the electricity from his whole neighborhood, resulting in a massive blackout.

A couple of years ago, Antioch resident Lee Shannon, of 767 Hillside Drive, created an exact replica of that scene at his house...minus the full-scale power outage of course.

What the setup did feature were wooden cutouts of Clark and the infamous "Cousin Eddie"(another memorable character from the movie) that Lee made in his garage, as well as wall-to-wall lights on the outside of the house.

It is part of a Christmas tradition at the Shannon household, where Lee takes holiday decorating to a different level.

This year, his front yard is inhabited by various wooden elves that he also constructed and painted himself. Of course, the house also features an impressive light design.

Lee said he spent three weekends, working into the wee hours of the morning each day, to get the house ready for Christmas.

His wife Diane and their children Brittani, 13, and Lee IV, 11, also help out with the holiday enhancements.

"The whole point is to give something back to the community that people can enjoy," he said. "The whole family likes to get involved in the act."

The community will get a chance to enjoy the Shannon home, and various other decorated houses, this Friday night.

The Antioch Senior Center and Chamber of Commerce will offer trolley rides that will take passengers through some of the best-decorated neighborhoods in the village.

The trolley leaves from Santa's Enchanted Palace at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 this Friday, Dec. 17. The cost is two non-perishable food items for the village food pantry.

Mary Linhart, an Antioch resident, took her nieces, Allison, 2, and Brooke, 5, on the trolley ride Dec. 10 and said all of the passengers were impressed.

She even made reference to the classic holiday movie to which the Shannon house once paid homage.

"It was wonderful," she said. "They did a really good job. We got to travel through the area and see all the houses that were nominated (by the village for best decorations). It made me think of 'Christmas Vacation'."

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If you drive down Hillside from Orchard St. in Antioch after sunset it is impossible to miss the beautiful display of Christmas Lights at the home of Lee Shannon. The theme of this years decorations at the Shannon Home is "Santa's Workshop."

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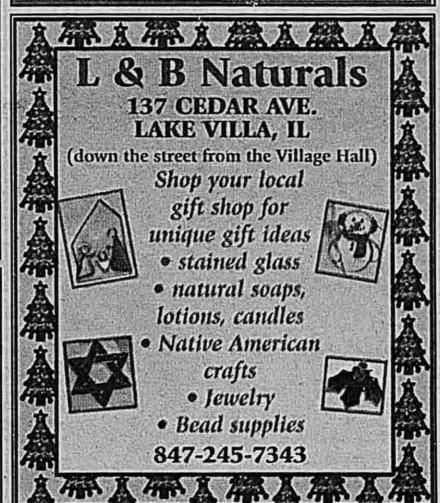




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The 70 plus voice Antioch Community Chorus under the direction of Kris Bolin of Antioch sings the complete Christmas portion with four guest soloists: Jennifer Layman of Two Rivers, Wis., soprano; Jeanine Kellman of Elkhorn, Wis., Alto; Brett, Brett Billock of Chicago, Tenor; and Richard Anderson of Aurora, bass. Accompanists are Chris Kusher, pianist, the Tim Montalvo String Ensemble, and several members of the Lakes Area Community Band.

Festival Arts of Antioch produces this Christmas gift to the community annually. This is made possible by the generosity of businesses and private individuals who support the group financially. Anyone wishing to donate to the continuing performances of the group or would like more information call 847-395-1333.

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Jan. 13, 2005, Thursday at 7 p.m., "Identity Theft." Commander Jim Foerster of the Antioch Police Department will discuss ways you can protect yourself and your family from financial identity theft.

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Setting the pace for change

By Matt Pera Staff Reporter

To say 24-year-old Antioch resident Devin Nance enjoys being active would be an under-

As a senior at Highland Park High School he was a legislative intern, taking three trips to Springfield to meet state lawmakers. He is a member of a group called the Wilderness Inquiry and has gone on kayaking trips in Minnesota with the organization.

He was also selected to be a part of a traveling children's theatre troupe that performed at local elementary schools during his senior year at Highland Park.

"Devin is always the first to volunteer," his mother, Connie, said.

With such an involved lifestyle, it's not surprising that Devin also loves his job. Since his junior year in high school, he has worked at the Target in Gurnee.

But, about a year ago, it became difficult for him to make it to work.

Devin was born with cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. When he and his mother moved to Antioch in 2001, Connie began taking him to work because the Pace bus system did not offer service in Antioch.

But last January she had to return to work, making it impossible for her to take Devin to Target.

She said Pace does offer a "Paratransit" service that provides wheelchair-accessible vans. But if someone wants that ride they must call to arrange it that day and Connie said they are often booked.

She added that, if Devin were to take a bus on the Paratransit, he would have to travel from their home to the College of Lake County, then transfer to a different bus that would take him to the Gurnee Target. Overall, a one-way trip would take more than an hour and a half.

But Connie and Devin are fighting to change, that.

"It's very rough," she said. "You're constantly trying to educate people. I find it totally and completely ineffective to complain. Complaining is a one way ticket to nowhere.

It's a matter of trying to educate people about what we're trying to accomplish.'

She and her son are now promoting a partnership between Pace and the Village of Antioch in order to procure a more reliable bus system for those who are disabled and rely on public transportation to get to work.

Connie said Devin has been disheartened with the fact that he has not been able to work, adding that the management at the Gurnee Target is intent on bringing him back.

"Devin was taught from early on that he's no different from anybody else," she said. "There were the same expectations that when you grow up you become a contributing member of the community."

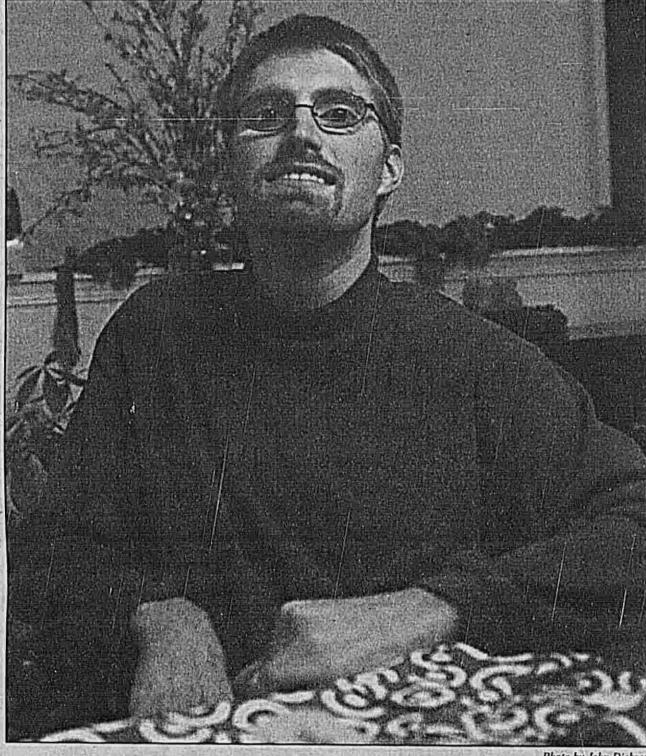
Connie recently wrote a letter to Village

Trustee Scott Pierce urging the board to reach an agreement with Pace in which more bus

services are provided. Pierce said the board was investigating its options with Pace and other bus services, adding that Connie and Devin would be invited to speak at the next village board meeting

Dec. 20. "At this point everybody just became aware of it thanks to Ms. Nance so we're at the ground stage of figuring out where we go and how we go," he said. "(Pace) needs to be addressing their needs. We'll come up with something with Pace or a private enterprise to get this off the ground in six months."

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Devin Nance, of Antioch, is unable to get to his job with Target in Gurnee, since Antioch does not have regular Pace Bus Service.



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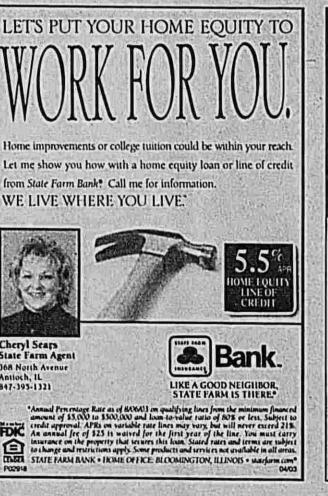
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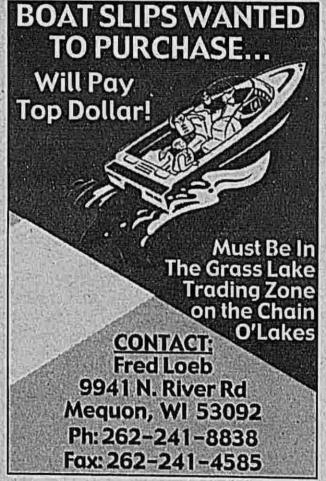
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I graduated from: Johnsburg High School and University of Illinois, Champaign

Community involvement: Kiwanis Club

What I like best about my town: Small town feeling

> Hobbies: Volleyball, fitness

Favorite movie: "A League of Their Own"

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Favorite home-cooked meal:

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If I had a million dollars, I would: Donate some to Guardian Angel Bassett Hound Rescue and work at rescuing dogs

If I had a plane ticket to anywhere, I'd go to: Australia

My pet peeve is: People who bite their nails

If I had one wish, it would be: A long and happy life for my family

My dream job would be: Working with rescued animals

My life's motto is: "Live each day as if it is your last."

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BIRTHS

Ryan Christopher Hunt, a son, was born Nov. 8 at Lake Forest Hospital to Richard and Elizabeth Hunt of Grayslake. His sister is Lauren, age 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lambrecht of Grayslake and Mr. Hunt of New York

Michelle Lorena Luque, a daughter, was born Nov. 11 at Lake Forest Hospital to Jorge Luque and Diana Cardenas-Luque of Grayslake. Her siblings are Camila,11 and David 2. Grandparents are Hernando and Ana Cecilia of Bogota, Columbia and Flor and Troalfo of Bogota, Columbia.

Natalie Nicole Smith, a daughter, was born Nov. 5 at Lake Forest Hospital to Timothy and Guadalupe Smith of Lake Villa. Her siblings are Luis, 12; Susana, 14 and Emily 5. Grandparents are Robert Smith of Chicago and Kathleen Smith of Chicago.

Madison Elaine Huhn, a daughter, was born Nov. 9 at Lake Forest Hospital to Rick and Dina Huhn of Trevor, Wis. Her brothers are Michael 11, and Ricky J r. 20 months. Grandparents are Elaine Huhn of Ingleside and Tony and Susan Adams of Grayslake.

Makenzie Jean Smith, a daughter, was born Nov. 20 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Brian and Susan Smith of Lombard. Grandparents are Marilyn and Edward Sindles, Sr. of Mundelein; and Pamela and Dennis Smith of Glen Ellyn. Great grandparents are Mary Dozier of Mundelein and Mary Smith of Franklin Park.

Damonté Matthew-Lee, a son, was born Nov. 21 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Dekeya and Damon Mason of Zion. His siblings are Daizha Mason, 9; Lakaya Jones, 6; Destinee Mason, 5 and Daveonia Mason, 3. Grandparents are Lee and Hilda Mason of East St. Louis and Mike and Lorriane Jones of Waukegan. Great grandparents are Hillard and Lillian Hudson of East St. Louis and Willy Mays of Waukegan.

Angela Cervantes, a daughter, was born Nov. 19 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Maria Ruiz and Hugo Cervantes of Island Lake. Grandparents are Juan Ruiz of Island Lake, Josefina Ramos of Island Lake and Guadalupe Cervantes of California. Great grandparents are Efrain Ramos, Teresa Ramos, Alberto Ruiz and Imelda Ruiz, all of Mexico.

Madalyn Elizabeth Gorski, a daughter, was born Nov. 20 at Condell Medical Center of Libertyville to Jonathon and Lauryn of Volo. Grandparents are Alison Keifer of Round Lake, Jim Groff of Round Lake, and Keith and Wendy Gorski of Wheeling. Great grandparents are Jon Keifer of Woodstock, Betty Gorski of Wheeling, Joyce Latzke of Round Lake Park and David Groff of Raleigh, NC.

Jasmine Castro, a daughter, was born Nov. 23 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Jessica Cochran and Edwin Castro of Round Lake Park. Her siblings are Leo, 8; Angelica, 5; Gabriel, 5 and Isela, 2. Grandparents are Lois and Robert Message of Winimac, Ind.; Mauricio and Maria Castro of Round Lake Beach. Great grandparents are Marie Bradley of Daytona, Fla.; Armando and Elena Castro of Honduras, South America; and Ray Cochran of Prairie View, Ark.

Maxine Esther Ellolan, a daughter, was born Nov. 22 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Malcolm and Maria Elloian of Gurnee. Her siblings are Franke, 9 and Samuel, 3,

Danielle Faith Hanson, a daughter, was born Nov. 10 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Leif and Eufemia Hanson of Round Lake Beach. Her brother is Calvin age 1. Grandparents are Silverio and Eufrecina of Round Lake Beach and Harold Hanson of Des Plaines and Karen Hanson of Lake Villa.

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Friday, December 17

7-9 p.m., Divorced or separated support group, free childcare, held Fridays at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd., Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181.

7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meets first and third Fridays at the Gurnee Hampton Inn. For info., call 847-249-3800,

Saturday, December 18

7:30 p.m., Waukegan Concert Chorus at Lakes Community High School, 1000 Grass Lake Rd. Please call the Greater Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Area Fine Arts Council office at 847-265-5713 for details.

10 a.m.-noon, AFFTER Fibromyalgia support group meets third Saturdays at the Community Bldg., 884 Main St., Antioch. Call Shari at 847-395-5123.

1 p.m., The Lake County Doll Collectors meet third Saturdays at Milburn Congregational Church, Hwy. 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call 847-623-2072 for details.

Sunday, December 19

Noon-4 p.m., Students' Stained Glass Show, held at the Glass Palette Stained Glass Studio, 38493 N. Highway 45, Milburn. Free. Refreshments. Music. Please call 847-356-5719 for more information.

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School, cost \$2, adults only

Monday, December 20

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at The Antioch Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

7:30 p.m., Regular meeting of the Antioch Village Board held at Village Hall, 874 Main St.

7:30 p.m., Antioch Coin Club meets at Antioch Public Library, 757 Main St. Open to the public. Contact JoAnne at 847-395-4738 for more details.

7-9 p.m., Young Onset Parkinson's Support Group meets in Libertyville. Group addresses concerns of the younger person with Parkinson's. Call Marlene at 847-367-1679 or Jan at 847-395-5502.

Tuesday, December 21

7 p.m., Grass Lake School District 36 school board meeting. Please note date change. The public is welcome to attend. For location, call 847-395-1550.

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers hosts a dance and exercise class at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Call Karen at 847-395-6244 for info. 7 p.m., School Board meeting, Grass Lake Dist. #36

7-9 p.m., Stepmoms Offering Support to Stepmoms meets Tuesdays in the Grayslake area. Call Tina at 847-543-4768 for details.

Lake County Home Day Care Network meets at Community Protestant Church, 418 N. Prairie, Mundelein. The organization supports and mentors family childcare providers. Call Jeanne at 847-566-9841 for more information.

9:30 a.m., Moms' Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst, meets at the Lake Villa Library, 1001 East Grand Ave. for a holiday party. Santa will be there. The club offers support and socialization for mothers who stay at home to raise their children, including those who work part-time or out of their homes. It offers play groups, daytime outings, a babysitting co-op and other activities. Mothers are welcome to bring children to all the functions. Please call Danielle Brumm at 815-675-9028 for details.

Wednesday, December 22

6:30 p.m., Take Off Pounds Sensibly weigh-in, at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at 847-395-7407 or Betty Muller at 847-838-3907 for more information.

7:30 p.m., Mothers & More is a national non-profit organization that respects and supports the choices a woman makes in combining parenting and work. It provides informational meetings, playgroups, mom & tot outings, charity activities, mom's night out, leadership roles and more, meets at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake, Call Kerry at 847-245-3732 or visit www.mothersandmore.org.

Thursday, December 23

7:30 p.m., Irish American Club meets at State Bank of the Lakes in Antioch. Call 847-395-3942

7:15 a.m., Business Network International meets at Hillside Restaurant, Grayslake. BNI has one person per occupation. Members share referrals. Call Graig Henderson for details 847-840-6464.

7:45-9 a.m., The Women's Referral Assn. meets at Grandma V's Restaurant, Rt. 45, Mundelein. One member per business category. Open to all women in business. Call Jeanne Silver at 847-367-1500.

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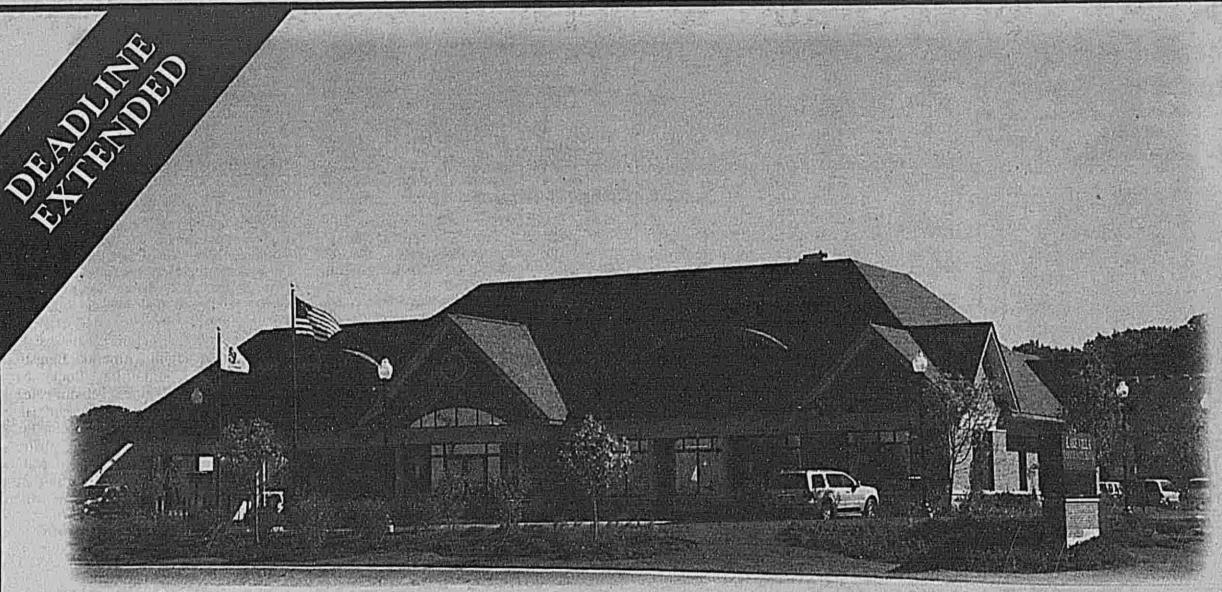
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Grade 7 Straight 'A' Honors (4.0 GPA)

Abramson, Megan; Trudell, Alyssa; Adlam, Courtney; Tubek, Andrew; Ahmed, Sam; Wallace, Trinity; Allen, Jared; Yamat, Victoria; Alvarez, Alyssa; Anttila, Alexandria; Beckman, Sarah; Bretthauer, Callie; Brinker, Nicholas; Buchholz, NIcole; Casey, Brennan; David, Jessica; Formella, Kailey; Frazier, Meghan; Gebauer, Rachel; Goral, Sam; Guess, Christina; Hebband, Bridget; Hyman, Scott; Jerina, Cameron; Krase, Meghan; Kurz, Steven; Lewis, Matthew; Lisak, Madeline; Manichia, Alyssa; Mills, Cassandra Rae; Mrowlec, Caitlin; Neubauer, Kevin; Nogle, Robert; Nordby, Krlstian; Opolka, Meghan; Paddock, Samantha; Pimpo, Samuel.

High Honors (3.6-3.9 GPA.)

Almodovar, Erica; Lewis, Melissa; Anderson, Brittyn; Lindom, Jacqueline; Androus, John; Little, Kelly; Babik, Sabrina; Lubkeman, Erica; Baker, Luke; Marcangelo, Kyle; Bay, Cameron; McNeill, Katherine; Bernardo, Helana; Mena, Arbnora; Brown*, Kyrie; Micic, Brian; Cherepskl, Lauren; Moore, Lauren; Costello, James; Morway, Kecia; Damiani, Andrea; Mulloy, Kaitlyn; Darling, Cateria; Mundt, Catherin; Daus, Elliott; Nelson, Madeline; Dornbusch, Katherine; Padgett, Kendall; Duma, Egor;

Ratio, Michael; Fidanovski, Maja; Retzlaff, Chelsey; Gall, Justin; Reynolds, Alexandra; Go, Honnalee; Rivera, Alicia; Greany, Jessica; Schumer, Jordan; Guido, Natalle Therese; Schwarz, Sarah; Harvey, Matthew; Seelye*, NIcole; Hertz, Shanna; Smith, Courtney; Horan, Abigall; Solomon, Jessica; Idan, Asel; Tholen, Joshua; Ingrum, Nathan; Velasco, Joseph; Inman, Jeffrey; Voinovich, Ashley; Jackson, Patrick; Wallace, Brooke; Jovanov, Daniel; Wells, Carly; Karstedt, Maria; Westrate, Taylor; Knupp, Sara; Wright, Lauren; Koenig, Kirsten; Young, Keith; Larson, Kristin; Leafblad, Samuel

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Leona; Fak, Jamie; Schoenfelder, Erln; Freundt, Brittany; Sorn, Katherine; Green, Kelsey; Walpole, Megan; Harrison, Brittany; Holm, Katrina; Hawkins, Heather; Hennelly, Jessica; Hennelly, Lauren; Hill, Ryan; Hoadby, Lauren; Huebner, 8ecca; Inciardi; Christopher; Jares, Elyse; Kliesner, Caitlin; Knight, Lauren; Krumpos, Jenna; Unco. Mranda; Loid, Kirsten; Lulofs, Ryan; Mackie, Sam; Mackowiak. Michele; Mapaye. Steven

High Honors (3.6 - 3.9 GPA)

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Local musician to perform New Year's show for troops in Cuba

hen she got her first paying gig at the ripe old age of 14, Joan Hammel says she was a little bit shocked.

Sure, she'd been performing for year, but being asked to sing at wedding, and getting paid — that was different.
"I was surprised that the teacher thought

enough of me to recommend me to do it," said Hammel.

Well if her first gig didn't do enough to convince her that she has talent, the next one sure should.

Hammel, 41, a Wildwood resident, will be spending her New Year's in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, performing for troops as part of a USO Show.

"I've played bases stateside," Hammel said, referring to her work at military bases around the Midwest. "This is different."

The show comes on the heals of the release of her first album— "joanland."

Starting off

The success hasn't always come in waves for the professional vocalist— but it's been there.

Hammel, a 1981 Warren graduate, has been performing since she was young. She began like many kids, singing in church. Coming from a musical family, where both her parents sang and played instruments, it was natural for her to do so, she said.

Throughout her teen years, and into college, she played gigs to earn extra cash. While at Columbia College in Chicago, she sang to help pay for school

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At Columbia, Hammel majored in broadcasting, so as to give her a back up plan, she said. Following her graduation she went to work for a production company, where she assisted in creating commercials.

The job, she said, helped her make contacts, and she even land a few roles. Quite possibly her most famous line in a commercial was done for Sears. It's Hammel's voice that invites customers to "Come see the softer side of Sears."

In 1989 she caught her "break," as she calls it, when she was invited to play in Las Vegas. For nearly three years she performed in clubs, as she learned from musical legends like Frank Sinatra.

And it wasn't only being surrounded with legends that convinced her she made the right move. Within a year of moving, a lot of her friends in Chicago were downsized.

"It's not often you find out you make a right decision about something," Hammel said.

When she returned to the Chicago area, her career didn't stop.

She was out of work only two days, before landing another gig as a singer for

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Wildwood resident and professional singer Joan Hammel professional singer Joan Hammel will be performing a USO show at Glantanamo Bay, Cuba Dec. 31.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

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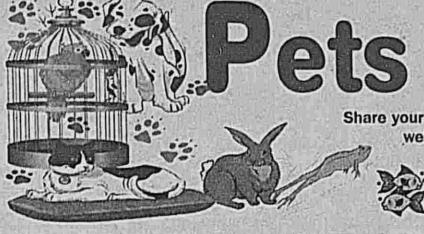
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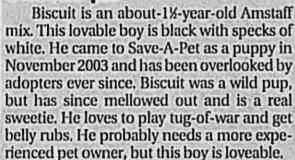


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Keeping our furry friends safe in winter

Yow that the weather is getting colder, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals reminds pet owners of some winter-weather care tips. Visit www.aspca.org for more details.

 Keep your cat inside. · Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm -dogs can lose their

scent and easily become lost. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice.

 Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck that covers the dog from the base of the tail on top to the belly underneath.

 Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold.

 Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If necessary, paper-train your puppy inside if he appears to be sensitive to the weather.

 Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep away from all drafts and off the floor, such as in a dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow in it.

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Unique gift ideas for the holidays

Are you looking for a unique gift for someone special this holiday season? If so, give one that gives twice? Brookfield Zoo's Share the Care program is offering packages that feature two special animals-one for Payton, a one-year-old polar bear cub, and one for the Mexican gray wolf pack. Donations toward the zoo's program will help provide these animals with the highest quality food and expert care throughout the year.

For the football fan on your shopping list, you can't go wrong with a Share the Care package for Payton, who was named in honor of Chicago Bear legend Walter Payton. Since he

made his public debut earlier this year, the feisty cub has won the hearts of zoo visitors with his energetic antics. A \$25 donation includes Share the Care Basic Package benefits-a personalized certificate, a color photo, a fact sheet about the species, an update on the animal next fall, an invitation to the annual Brookfield Zoo Share the Care Evening in August 2005, and a window decal. For an additional \$15, the gift recipient will receive the above benefits plus a soft, huggable 10-inch polar bear plush.



This past June, Brookfield Zoo opened its Regenstein Wolf Woods exhibit, featuring five young male wolves. Brookfield Zoo joined the international recovery program in 2003 and is also part of a Species Survival Plan, a multi-zoo breeding program that now has more than 240 wolves.

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A \$40 donation includes a cute, cuddly 8-inch plush wolf and Basic Package benefits. In addition, a Basic Package may be purchased for \$25.

A gift card carrying your name can accompany any package. To ensure holiday delivery, orders must be received by Dec. 19. Or stop by the zoo's Administration Building (near the south gate) to purchase packages. They may also be purchased on the zoo's Web site, www.brookfieldzoo.org, under the Share the Care section.

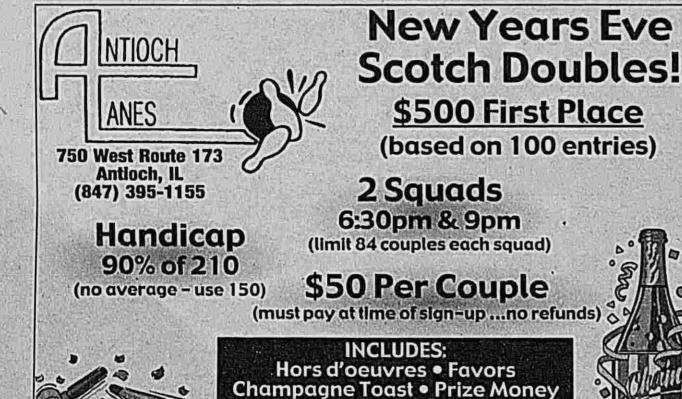
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A bad case of the holiday blues

he bad news is that the doc says I have skin cancer.

The good news is that he said it is not melanoma and that he can cut it

The result is—I am now contemplating my mortality.

The bad news is that I now have to cover up when I go out in the sun.

The good news is that with a skinny body like mine, it's best that I keep it covered up and you all don't have to look at it.

The result is-I need some new summer clothes for Christmas.

The bad news is that a politician told my boss that if someone

buys me a beer that I will put anything in the newspaper. The good news

is that it isn't true. (I've always had a two-drink minimum.) The result is—I

no longer trust politicians.

The bad news is someone wrote calling me a liberal (Democrat) passivist.

The good news is that someone else said that I am a sick, sick, sick, war-mongering Republican.

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The result is-I'm beginning to think my views are somewhere in between.

The bad news is someone canceled her subscription because of a column I wrote.

The good news is that someone else started a subscription because of a column I wrote.

The result is-that I now agree with Abraham Lincoln, Bob Dylan and Steven Spielberg when they said that "you can please some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time."

The bad news is my girlfriend is getting tired of me and needs some "room" to grow as a person.

The good news is that she doesn't want me in that "room."

The result is-I'm looking for another "roomie."

The bad news is that "Me Maw" is getting older and having health problems and no

longer recognizes me or remembers most of us. The good news is that all nine of her children, and all 33 of us grandchildren, and all 67 of her great grandchildren and all 13 of her great great grandchildren will always remem-

ber her. (If the good lord is willing.) The result is-that I find myself thinking about MeMaw everyday, and I wish there was something I could do or write to honor her. (She really is a special person.)

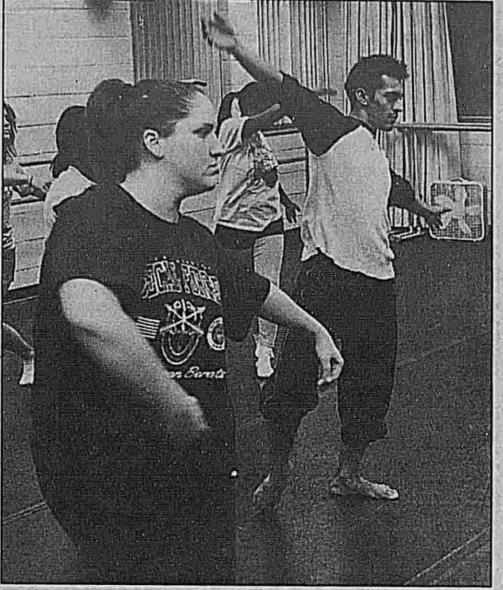
Yeah-the bad news is that the doc says I got skin cancer.

And the good news is that it is not melanoma and that he said he can cut it out.

And the result is-that I am now contemplating my mortality and wondering what this Christmas story is really all about.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas.

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Abby Schaudt, of Lake Zurich, and Juan Castellon, from Waukegan, work through a dance routine in their dance class at College of Lake County.-Photo by John Dickson

Prairie Spirits take physical form

By Kyle Schmitt Staff Reporter

While Einstein called dancers the "athletes of God," members of the College of Lake County's Prairie Spirits Dance Troupe derived their inspiration from performances that have proved equally enjoyable and challenging.

The troupe recently held its winter dance concert dates, where members performed works created by choreographers from throughout the nation. Modern, tap and jazz music accompanied strenuous pieces that tested their physical and mental capacities.

Several works were choreographed by Valerie Alpert, the troupe's artistic director, who believes that dance should be accessible to anyone who wants to learn.

Sometimes people think of the typical body type, and that dance is for the young, and that is definitely not the case," Alpert said.

The 28-member group included non-students, and nearly a third of participants had never previously performed dance in a live setting. Alpert said that hard work builds and improves the novices' abilities so quickly that audience members cannot believe they are performing live for the first time.

"Many students, she said, hear about the program and said, 'Oh, I always wanted to join a dance class,' or 'I just want to move.' And once it draws them in, they're hooked."

The college offers dance classes, but the troupe program is considered an extracurricular activity and offers no scholarships. Participation does, however, allow students and nearby residents the chance to work with professional choreographers and experience the process of constructing individual works.

'It's an opportunity of a lifetime for a lot of these kids," Alpert said. "They're not going to go to North Carolina or Chicago necessarily to seek these challenges out, so I bring them to

the college."

During the winter concerts, every piece had an underlying message within its physical movement, Alpert said. Her "Germination" work involved the themes of "birth and rebirth," Alpert said, while Chicago choreographer Keith Givens' "Insomnia" dealt with the possible insanity of its main character.

Humorous pieces, however, brought a lighter air to the event. The outlandish "Tumbleweed" showcased two men dressed in full Western gear dancing to a piece inspired by the "Kill Bill" films, while a tumbleweed blows across the stage.

Ernest Hemingway and Mighty Mouse received recognition in Terry Crews' "SuperPower," a piece that played off superhero cliches and what such power and responsibility might mean to the holder.

An assistant professor of dance at CLC, Crews said she was impressed by the troupe's hard work. "They did a great job of embodying this material and performing at a professional level," she said.

Stamina and toughness helped the students complete their works, Crews said. Male participants held their female counterparts aloft for periods of six minutes in "Germination," and Alpert ran the dancers through their paces numerous times in rehearsals to prepare for the live perfor-

The dance troupe performs year-round at festivals and lecture demonstrations, and will likely regroup for an AIDS Awareness Day event in the Waukegan area this month. Various members will also take part in CLC's Fear No Art event this spring, a showcase featuring various types of dance and performance art. Loose guidelines for performed works would allow students to "follow their own voices and create their own work," Crew said.

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The Holiday **Tumbleweed**

his is one of those magical, "once upon a time" Christmas stories that could only happen in the here and

There I am getting my usual trim at a have-it-your-way-for-less-than-fifteen-bucks haircut franchise, and lo and behold, one of the employees appears at the back door proudly holding up a surprising bit of Christmas cheer: a "Holiday Tumbleweed."

Everyone in the shop started admiring it, though it sure looked to me like some of the dead brush I saw blowing around in their parking lot And after I was sure my hair didn't look the same way, I didn't hesitate to tell them so. The stylists then explained to me why their "Holiday

Tumbleweed" was as treasured as a traditional Christmas

Apparently, the franchise owners prohibit holiday decorations with any religious connotations. No surprise there. Retailers have taken the Christ out of Christmas so much so you'd think



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the holiday was just one big "swap-a-rama".

So every year these creative salon employees circumvent the politically correct policy with their "tumbleweed." They turn a bit of dried brush hidden in a back storeroom into a festive celebration of Christmas. They hang handmade angels made out of clothespins and Popsicle stick crosses on their "tree" symbols that no longer seem fit for public consumption. And I believe it when they say their "Holiday Tumbleweed" looks beautiful, as beautiful as the Christ Child nestled in his improvised cradle of rough wood and straw.

Anyway, the story of the "Holiday

Tumbleweed" helps me focus on the true reason for the season. Sure, I'll probably put a Santa hat on our animated, "Big Mouth Billy Bass," and claim the fish is actually mouthing the words to "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer." And the kids may be just as mortified with me this year as they were last year, when I never got around to lugging our fresh Christmas tree indoors. Instead, at the last minute I plunged the frozen tree into a snow bank, stuck some berries and seed on it, and declared my decorating efforts fit only for the birds.

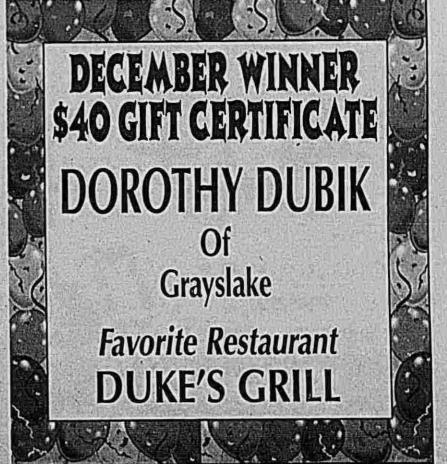
But, in keeping with the spirit of the "Holiday Tumbleweed," I can at least acknowledge others who make the effort to openly display the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to local businesses that don't hide the birth of Jesus for the sake of the almighty dollar. And here's to the many residents of Lake County who take time in the midst of all the holiday hubbub to put up mangers and crosses, large and small, expensive or no. And thanks to my husband for dangling out an upstairs window to hang his lighted homemade cross. And, finally, here's to my oldest son's display just outside my kitchen window. His simple cross, fashioned out of twigs, is my favorite.

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Emeril gives cornbread special treatment in 'Potluck' cookbook



COOKING BY THE BOOK

"Emeril's Potluck" (William Morrow, 2004), the latest outpouring from Emeril Lagasse, the popular New Orleans chef-restaurateur, draws from his favorite memories. The book's subtitle, "Comfort Food with a Kicked-up Attitude," says a lot about the content. Southern specialties such as shrimp, okra and tomato gumbo and creole mustard and herbwrapped beef tenderloin are included along with a tasty adaptation of the traditional cornbread. The author also shares his holiday eggnog recipe. Sixteen pages of colorful food photos add to the eye candy or, as Emeril is wont to say, "punch it up a notch."

1 cup grated Cheddar cheese

1 1/2 cups buttermilk

2 large eggs, beaten

1/2 cup chopped green onions

Emeril's Eggnog

8 large eggs, 2 separated 3/4 cup sugar

1/8 tsp. salt 2 1/2 cups heavy cream 2 cups whole milk

1 Tbl. pure vanilla extract

nutmeg, plus more for garnish 3/4 cup bourbon 1/4 cup brandy

1/2 tsp. freshly grated

Combine the 6 whole eggs, 2 egg yolks, sugar and salt in a medium mixing bowl and whisk together. Heat 2 cups heavy cream with the milk in a large saucepan over medium-low heat. When the cream and milk are hot, ladle about 1 cup into the egg mixture and whisk to incorporate. Pour the egg-milk mixture into the hot cream mixture, and continue to cook, stirring continuously, until the mixture thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the stove and strain the custard immediately through a fine-mesh sieve. Allow the custard to cool for 10 minutes before proceeding. Add the vanilla, nutmeg, bourbon and brandy to the eggnog and stir well to incorporate. Beat the 2 egg whites to soft peaks in a clean mixing bowl and fold them into the custard base. In a separate bowl, beat the remaining 1/2 cup cream to soft peaks and fold into the eggnog as well. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, abut 1 hour. Pour into a decorative bowl or pitcher and gamish with nutmeg. Serve in small punch cups or old-fashioned glasses.

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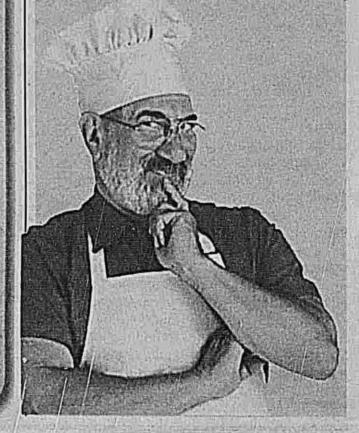


"This dish shouts 'autumn!' and 'sweet flavor!' so, why not whip it up and have the gang shouting 'Hurray for you!""

Autumn Sweet Potatoes

6 to 8 servings

- 1 can (40 ounces) sweet potatoes or yams, drained and cut into chunks 1 can (8 ounces) pineapple chunks, drained 1 can (16 ounces) sliced carrots, drained
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar 1 cup mini marshmallows
- 1. Place the sweet potatoes in a microwave-safe 7" x 11" baking dish. Top with the pineapple and carrots then sprinkle with the brown sugar. Microwave at 70% power for 4 minutes.
- 2. Sprinkle the marshmallows over the top of the casserole.
- 3. Microwave at 70% power for 1-3 minutes, until the marshmallows are melted.



Serious Southern Cornbread

1/4 cup + 2 Tbl. vegetable oil 1/2 lb. smoked pork sausage, diced small

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 cup yellow cornmeal 2 tsp. baking powder

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Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large 9- or 10-inch cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Once the oil is hot, add the sausage and cook, stirring often, until most of the fat has been released and the meat is crisp, 7 to 8 minutes. Remove the sausage from the skillet and set aside on a plate. Place the skillet with the sausage fat in the oven. In a large bowl, combine the flour, commeal, baking powder and salt and whisk to combine. Stir in the Cheddar cheese and green

onions. Combine the buttermilk, the remaining 1/4 cup oil and the eggs in a medium bowl and whisk to combine. Add this buttermilk mixture to the dry ingredients and stir, mixing just until the dry ingredients are moistened. Fold the sausage into the combread batter. Remove the skillet from the oven and add the combread batter. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until light golden brown and a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow the combread to sit for 5 minutes and then cut into wedges. (Makes 10 to 12 servings)

1 tsp. salt

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Christmas concert to be broadcast on radio

The Valparaiso University Christmas Concert will be broadcast at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 on Chicago radio station WFMT 98.7.

The broadcast, taped during live performances at Chicago's Symphony Center and in the Chapel of the Resurrection on campus, will feature the world premiere of Randall Davidson's "Of the Father's Love Begotten" and

other traditional Advent music.

The concert, a part of holiday celebrations at the University for more than 75 years, showcases more than 200 student musicians in the VU Chorale, Chamber Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra.

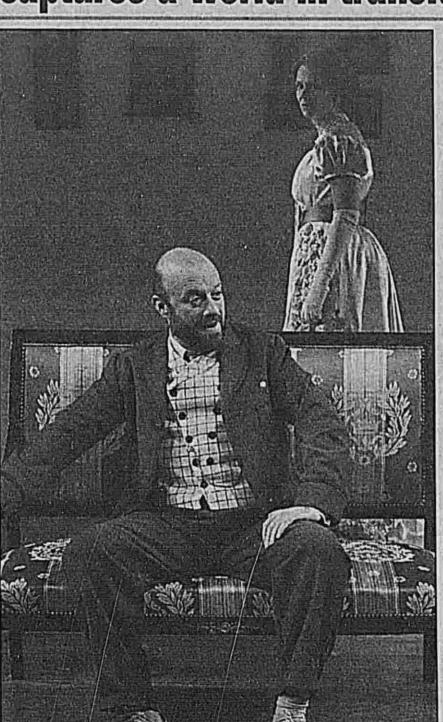
Davidson, a Minnesota composer, collaborated with "A Prairie Home Companion" host Garrison Keillor in producing the large orchestral works

"The Young Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra" and "The History of Evil: Bible Families." Those pieces and other commissioned works have been performed throughout Europe and the United States.

Alternately abstract and personal, "Of the Father's Love Begotten" explores the mystery of the Incarnation, and features the three VU ensembles performing together.

Other works performed in the concert include Clark McAlister's "Symphonies de Noel," Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Mass in G minor," J.S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring" and Timothy Mahr's "Fantasia in G: Joy, Bright Spark of Divinity."

Steppenwolf's 'Cherry Orchard' captures a world in transition



Yasen Peyankov and Amy Morton in a scene from "Cherry Orchard" at Steppenwolf Theatre.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE by TOM WITOM

Steppenwolf Theatre Company, under the direction of Tina Landau, nicely captures "Cherry Orchard," the last play written by Anton Chekhov (1860-1904).

It's a telling tale of the end of an era when a well-to-do family of aristocrats must forfeit its much-loved orchard and estate to an up-and-comer from the middle classes. Reform is very much in the wind, but there's a clash between those willing to accept the imminent changes and those who cling stubbornly to the old ways.

The upstairs theater was cleverly transformed for this stylish production; the audience finds itself in the thick of things, practically sitting among the performers. Delicate seethrough lace curtains mask off a bedroom. (stage left) and dining room (stage right).

Steppenwolf uses an accessible translation by Curt Columbus, and the 15-member cast (not counting Charlotta's dog, who makes two brief appearances) includes a number of outstanding ensemble members: Amy Morton, Robert Brueler, Yasen Peyankov, Francis Guinan and



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Rondi Reed.

"Cherry Orchard" packs a lot of emotion as landowner Lovey Ranevskaya (Morton) returns to the country manor in Russia after five years in Paris where a love match went sour. Her joy is short-lived when she learns that unless past-due interest on the mortgage is paid, the property will be auctioned and the orchard chopped down to give way for development as tract houses for the middle class.

Ranevskaya prays for a miracle (though none occurs), all the while continuing her spendthrift ways. In the meantime, she also hopes her adopted daughter Varya (Elizabeth Rich) will save the day by marrying a wealthy man; Lopakin (Peyankov), a local merchant who ends up acquiring the orchard, is considered a likely prospect, but ultimately he backs off from such a union. Nor is Ranevskaya's talkative brother Leonid Gaev (Guinan), about to assume a position at the bank, able to offer much in the way of substantive help.

Three characters provide a touch of comic relief: Anne Adams as the maid Dunyasha; Guy Adkins as the hapless bookkeeper Yepihodov; and Reed as the governess and amateur magician Charlotta.

Ned Noyes fares well as the fiery, idealistic student Trofimov; Chanon Cross, as Ranevskaya's optimistic young daughter; and Leonard Kraft, as Firs, the long-time faithful family servant who in a real sense has become almost part of the furnitureby the time of the final upheaval.

Give credit, too, to Riccardo Hernandez for an effective minimalist set and Jennifer Roberts for formal costumes that put this period in freeze frame.

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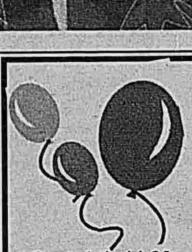
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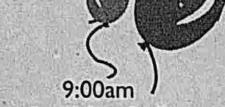


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an orchestra, Hammel said.

In recent years she has performed with James Brown in Indiana. She sang at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. And done countless of corporate shows around the sub-

Hammel also had a chance to sing a song on "America" an album that benefited the victim of Sept. 11. The album was immensely popular, she said. She received letters of praise from many people in New York, including firefighters, police officers and NY Gov. George Pataki.

A copy of the CD also made it to the office of Security of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Rumsfeld's office in turn passed it down the hall to the USO (United States Organization).

The USO show

Like other opportunities, connections are important, but this show isn't quite like other performances—it's classified.

Hammel and her band, the Joan Hammel Band, don't know much about their performance.

The band, which is made up of Hammel, Mike Knauf, Dean Malsack, Rob Hunter, Chris Ray and Paul Ross, will be leaving for Cuba at the end of this month. They will return in early January. Hammel said she does not know how many shows they will be performing once they are down there, or how many troops they will perform for.

The only show she knows for sure about is the New Year's Eve show. The classified nature of the whole trip doesn't bother her too much, Hammel said.

"For me I certainly understand they can't tell us everything and when we come home there are some things we won't be able to talk about," Hammel said. "I think the hard part for the band members is they can't tell their families too much details. Because we don't

know them yet.'

Malsack, an Elgin resident, and keyboard player said he's actually feels a little safer knowing that everything is classified. With Sept. 11 suspects being tried there now, Malsack said it's comforting to know that they are so strict on safety.

Besides, he said, he's just thrilled to go. Hunter, from North Chicago, echoed Malsack's enthusiasm.

"I'm really psyched, " said the guitar player. ""It gives me a chance to do my part even though I was never in the military.'

The band can't technically make money from the USO, but Hammel said it doesn't mater.

To be chosen amongst hundreds of other acts is enough for her.

"It's truly an honor to be chosen to go," Hammel said.

Go where? "We don't know yet."

Volunteers work through the winter HAMMEL

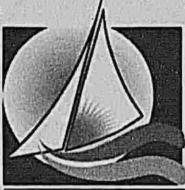
The hours of sunlight have gotten shorter and the days are colder, but hardy Lake County Forest Preserve volunteers are still putting on their best effort - along with their work gloves - for Conservation Workdays. Join other hardworking volunteers on a Saturday and Sunday this winter for a few hours of outdoor work.

Contact Tom Smith, Volunteer Coordinator, Outreach and Stewardship, by phone at 847-968-3329 or via e-mail at tasmith@co.lake.il.us for directions to any of the workday sites, as meeting places tend to be off the beaten path.

Conservation workdays for December begin at 9 a.m. at these Forest Preserve locations:

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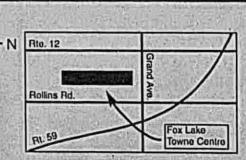


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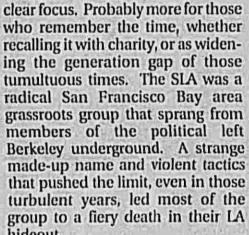
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opening this week



Guerrilla: The Taking of Patty Hearst: The bizarre saga of the Symbionese Liberation Army and the 1974 kidnapping of heiress

Patricia Hearst seems no less bizarre thirty years later, but from this distance, a new documentary brings the chaotic events into



Sifting through old news coverage, director Robert Stone brings order to the events, and logic of sorts to the machinations inside the SLA. The FBI had no idea what they were looking for. The film suggests these events might be considered the dawn of domestic terrorism as we now know it, but acknowledges the sharp contrast in support from the community at the time. It must be remembered that the SDS, the Weathermen, and the Black Panther party were potent and very influential forces then, though the SLA failed to come together.

People did die, harm was done, resources were wasted, but irresponsible behavior was not limited to the outlaws. Peppered with amusing and appropriate clips of dialog from such heroic outlaws as Errol Flynn as Robin Hood, the film implies we might lighten up a bit in our worry over anarchy, perhaps it

'Hotel Rwanda' to open in Chicago Dec. 22

Ten years ago, as the country of Rwanda descended into madness, one man made a promise to protect the family he loved, and ended up finding the courage to save over 1,200 people. "Hotel Rwanda" tells the inspiring story of real-life hero Paul Rusesabagina (Don Cheadle), a hotel manager in Rwanda who used his courage and cunning to shelter more than 1,000 refugees from certain death.

Rusesabagina served as a special consultant on the film. It stars Cheadle, Sophie Okonedo, Joaquin Phoenix and Nick Nolte, and is directed by Terry George.

The film will open at Landmark Century Centre Cinema and AMC River East 21 on Wednesday, Dec.

is right. Provided by Shelley Cameron of Reel Movie Critic. Playing at Landmark Century in Chicago, Not Rated

Million Dollar Baby: Ex-fighter Clint Eastwood runs a gym in Los Angeles with fellow former boxer Morgan Freeman.

They are approached by a young woman (Hilary Swank) who is determined to become a boxer. Swank is an

Oscar winner for "Boy's Don't Cry," and she may just do it again with her riveting performance in the scenes where her boxing is done by her rather than a stunt double. She was recently nominated for best actress by the Golden Globes. Clint Eastwood does not know how to make a bad movie and this is no exception. He follows up "Mystic River" with a worthy successor. (PG-13)



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The Incredibles (PG)	5
The Motorcycle Diaries (R)	5
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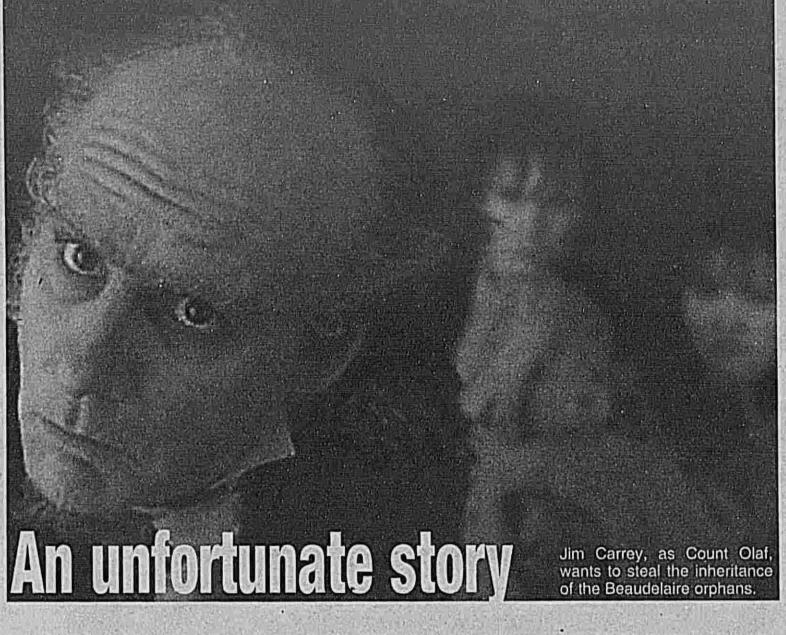
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his family film is based upon the first three installments in the "Lemony Snicket" series of books that have sold over 27 million copies



Review by Pam & George O. Singleton at Info@roelmoviecritic.com

Cast

Jim Carrey

......Count Olaf Liam Aiken

......Violet

Emily Browning

Meryl Streep

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.....Aunt Josephine

Directed by Brad Silberling. Family, Fantasy, Adventure. Rated PG for thematic elements, scary situations and brief language

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and been translated into 39 languages. After becoming orphans because of a fire that kills their parents, the three Beaudelaire children are forced to rely on their own intelligence, wit and creativity to escape the clutches of Count Olaf (Jim Carrey). He literally wants to eliminate them so he can inherit the family fortune. Forget the funny donkeys and overweight superheroes on this one.

In some movies, this would mean a series of perilous situations where the kids consistently, at the last second, escape death or some other terrible event. While there is plenty of that, the wit of the three kids and the various dangers they manage to escape make for an interesting and possibly classic film. Violet (Emily Browning) is one of the finest 14 year old inventors the world has ever know, which includes creating a device that can retrieve a rock after it has been skipped into the ocean. Klaus (Liam Aiken) has read more books at the age of 12 than most people read in their entire lives. Youngest sister Sunny (played by twins Kara and Shelby Hoffman) is especially effective in communicating with the toddlers in the audience. Some might say she has the funniest lines in the movie, as her baby gibberish is shown in subtitle at the bottom of the screen. The "bite me" comment captures how speech probably follows cognitive thinking.

A little bit of Jim Carrey goes a long way and the dosage we get is just about right on. Meryl Streep, as tremulous Aunt Josephine, brightens the story, along with the wonderful Billy Connolly, the children's reptile loving Uncle

Some of those perilous situations involve snakes, a house that hangs over a cliff, leeches that attack a boat, a sinister wedding scene and we have a film for parents and children that is edgy with an eerie charm. "Lemony Snicket's" is a humorous, heart-warming and timeless movie in the manner of "Harry Potter."



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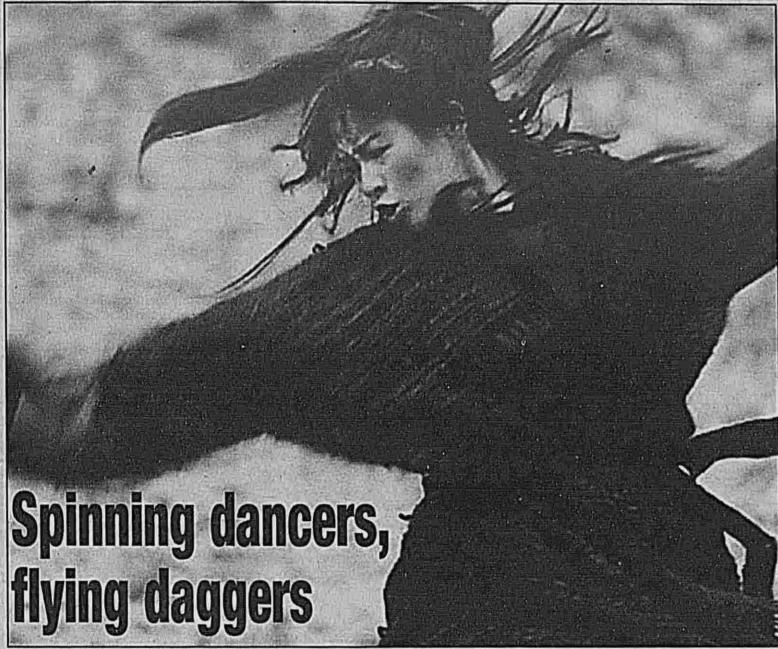
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Ziyi Zhang flies as the blind dancer Mei in the award-winning "The House of Flying Daggers."

ower struggles of the elite have been nasty for a long time. In 859 AD, near the end of the Tang Dynasty, this was especially so. Police deputies Jin (Takeshi Kaneshiro) and Leo (Andy Lau) have successfully eliminated leaders of the rival House of Flying Daggers in short order in the past. Recently they took a month to kill a leader but orders have come down that the new leader must be eliminated in only ten days.

Rumor has it that a key member of the enemy is a showgirl. Jin is a playboy type, attracted to the pleasures of a house of a different sort, whose featured dancer is Mei (Ziyi Zhang), who is beautiful and blind. When Leo admonishes Jin for his flirtatious ways and is about to arrest Mei, the Madam pleads for his forgiveness, which he will provide if Mei is able to perform the mesmerizing Echo Game. The dance begins and soon morphs into a near deadly game of flying daggers that take your breath away with artistry and majesty.

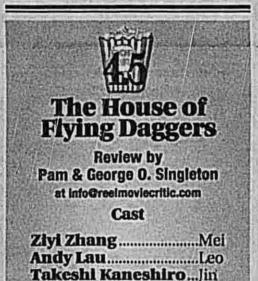
Not only is Mei arrested, she is about to be tortured until Jin breaks her out of prison. Or is that all part of the plot to find the hiding place of the Flying Daggers? The plan between Jin and Leo is that Jin will pretend to desire Mei. To keep it real, soldiers follow them and sometimes try a little too

hard to kill them. As the journey continues, Leo fears that Jin could really fall for Mei, which would lead to a Shakespearean type tragedy. Mei appears to care for Jin but does she? Is Leo who he really appears to be? The complexity of the love story, the visual effects, action that is close to non stop, combined with political motivations elevates this film to a level that makes it easy to understand why China selected this as their official choice for the 2004 Academy Awards, Foreign Language film category.

The cinematography is unarguably the best of the year as the colors and architecture, costumes and props literally fill every inch of the screen with something that demands your attention.

George's Take: Yimou Zhang is one of my favorite directors ("Raise the Red Lantern," "Ju Do" and more recently, "Hero"). He often uses Ziyi Zhang (best known for "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon" (CTHD)) who he also directed in the melodramatic tearjerker "The Road Home." This film has many positives to recommend it, Ziyi's acting, and magnificent photography being the most important. Fun aspects include the forbidden love story, a "come back from the dead" scene of a lover with the attitude, "if I can't have you, no one can," and a one-on-one battle that lasts long enough for the weather to change (a lot).

Pam's Take: I think the love story is stronger than in CIHD - actually, the entire story line is stronger although it is an oversized soap opera in many aspects. The cinematography is truly gorgeous. For sure, this is best appreciated on the big screen.



Directed by Yimou Zhang. Romantic, Martial Arts. Rated PG-13 for sequences of stylized martial arts violence, and some sexuality. Running time 119 minutes. In Mandarin with English sub-

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Spanglish: Adam Sandler and Tea Leoni are a married couple, sometimes happy and frequently not so, in this romantic come-

that almost approaches the sophisticated warmth of "Sideways" and "Before Sunset." Paz

Vega is the live-in maid at the couple's Malibu beachfront home. For Vega this challenges the relationship with her daughter, who is buying into a life style that is not in line with a maid's earnings. Vega is also the forbidden love of Sandler's challenging life. Leoni is WASPY and whiny, at times to distraction, yet her character is meant to be that

"Spanglish" looks at the assimilation of immigrants into "American" (more accurately North American) society and one of the fun topics of the day, "family values." This warm comedy provides options on how to deal with the situations of truthfulness, being very successful, parental and child rearing relationships. (PG-13)

A Very Long Engagement: It's been said that any good war movie is an anti-war movie. Director Jean-

Pierre Jeunet's war romance follows that axiom and blends it with a moving story of love, determination, and intrigue. If the first

goal of film is to tell a story, this one does it beautifully. Spanning four years during and after World War I, it's an epic as sweeping as the wind that whips across the wheat sheaves of a farmer, plucked from his field and conscripted into the army. Yet it remains a focused story of a young woman's search for her missing fiancé. The tale returns again and again to the events of a cold January day in 1917 on a battlefield called

Bingo Crepescule,

From the first shot of the rain soaked trenches, where one can almost feel the winter chill, to the final credits showing faded photos listing the players, the lush cinematography gives the drama a big boost. It transports the viewer to that specific time and place, like listening to a master storyteller. The wedding engagement of childhood sweethearts Mathilde and Menech (Audrey Tautou and Gaspard Ulliel) is interrupted by the war when Menech leaves their idyllic seaside village for the front. Convicted and sentenced to death with four other soldiers for self-mutilation to escape combat, their battlefield execution adds a layer of exacting cruelty to the absurdity of war.

Touched with just enough contemporary fantasy elements to bridge the gap between haunting war story and improbable fairy tale, this will likely be another popular and critical success for Jeunet. Audrey Tautou is restrained and focused, exhibiting a fuller range than the gamin of "Amélie," the rest of the cast is uniformly fine. Provided by Shelley Cameron of Reel Movie Critic.(R)



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Kwanzaa as an African American holiday belongs to one of the most ancient traditions in the world, the African tradition. Drawing from and building on this rich and ancient legacy, Kwanzaa makes its own unique contribution to the enrichment and expansion of African heritage. It is celebrated from Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

For more information, contact the museum at 262-653-4140.

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You are filled with good cheer, Aries. People worth knowing will recognize that you are upbeat and be instantly attracted to your charm. In matters of romance, take it slow.



LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

The stars are urging you to speak up about something that has been bothering you, Libra. Now is the time to take action, rather than letting the problem fester.



TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Information will come to you in unique ways, and that will lead to many stories to tell with flair. Keep positive in the weeks to come. Challenges are ahead.



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You're feeling torn between the desire to give your all and the rationality of taking things slow in the romance department. Use your intuition in this case.



GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Someone's words move you to action, Gemini, even though you aren't happy with what you hear. Stay calm as you get through this latest hurdle.



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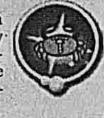
SAGITTARIUS-Nov 23/Dec 21

Self-esteem issues are at the forefront, Sagittarius. You owe is giving you such anxiety. Close friends will help.



CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

You'll be forced to work in a group this week, but it's okaysince you're a natural salesperson. Others will appreciate your friendliness and willingness to chip in.



CAPRICORN-Dec 22/Jan 20

At work, you are so passionate about what you're doing that you may inadvertently cut someone out of the picture. Be careful not to exclude anyone, as it could get you into trouble.



LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

This week you may be sociable and lighthearted, but it's at the expense of another. Make sure you don't over step the boundaries between a good time and cruelty.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

It's time to diversify, as the

same old schedule is starting

to wear thin. Try a new way to

work, or go for a makeover.

You just may be surprised with



be frivolous or stubborn. Important matters lie ahead

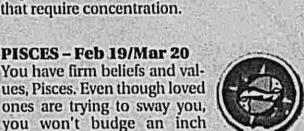
AQUARIUS-Jan 21/Feb 18

If you're feeling rebellious,

you'd better tame the monster

inside. Now is not the time to

that require concentration. PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 You have firm beliefs and values, Pisces. Even though loved ones are trying to sway you,



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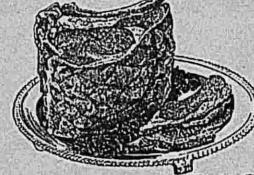


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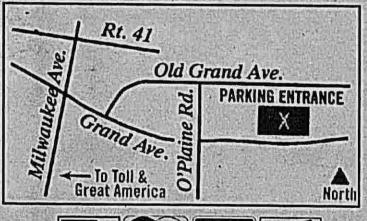
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JOE PLUCINSKI Round Lake

"They've had a good defense all year. They've had a good team. Every quarterback is different, let's hope (their last win) wasn't a fluke."



"I hope they get to the playoffs. I think they have good opportunities. They're still alive."

MILLIE MARTINEZ Fox Lake



"I can't answer that because I'm a Packers fan."

RIENEE GUGEL Fox Lake



"When hell freezes over."

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Photo by John Dickson

Louise Walker, of Fox Lake, plays the "Whatchamacallit" while performing with "The Senior Moments" Kitchen band. "The Senior Moments" sang holiday songs, accompanied by musical instruments found in the kitchen, to provide entertainment during the Senior Coffee held at the Fox Lake District Library.



Talbett: Rules Committee



Nixon: Law and Judicial



Spielman: Revenue, Records and Legislation



Paxton: Financial and Administrative

County chair doles out committee posts

Schmidt says naming 5 GOPs, 3 Dems wasn't political

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

At a special meeting of the Lake County Board, Chairman Suzi Schmidt (R-Lake Villa) named the people she wanted to chair various committees as well as the people who will serve on the committees.

Chair of the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee went to Judy Martini (R-Antioch).

Chair of the Public Works and Transportation Committee went to Diana O'Kelly (R-Mundelein). Chair of the Health and Human

Services Committee went to Steve Carlson (R-Gurnee).

Chair of the Financial and Administrative Committee went to

Brent Paxton (R-Zion).

Chair of the Rules Committee

went to Michael Talbett (R-Lake Zurich).

Democrats receiving chair appointments' include: Audrey Nixon (D-North Chicago) Law and Judicial Committee; Carol Spielman (D-Highland Park) Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee; and Angelo Kyle (D-Waukegan) Community and Economic Development Committee.

"I really, really tried to give everybody what they asked for. Sometimes you got a little more and sometimes you got a little less," Schmidt told the board. "I did try to accommodate people as much as possible. When you have 22 board members and a county chair it is hard to do everything that everybody wants,' Schmidt said. "But I feel very confident that

these are great committees. There are not major changes because the board hasn't changed much."

After the meeting, Schmidt said that she didn't make appointments based on political affiliations and she doesn't buy into the talk that the county board has problems based on party affiliations.

"I don't operate that way," Schmidt said. "I just want to do what is good for Lake County. This board is not about politics to me."

Carlson said he was happy to be appointed to chair the Health and Human Services Committee.

"I've been working in the health field for 25 years so I think it's a good fit. I think Suzi recognized that it's a good fit.

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Carlson: Health and Human Services



Martini: Planning, Building and Zoning



O'Kelly: Public Works, Transportation



Kyle: Community, Econ. Development

Is it the shoes?

For new recycling program, the answer is 'yes'

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

Someday soon, a Waukegan resident may be playing on a soccer field made of old shoes collected from a Wauconda business. Or maybe a Libertyville resident will run on a track made of his or her own old shoes.

If a new program the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County recently jumped aboard goes well, those scenarios could play themselves out in Lake County. In a partnership with Nike, the athletic shoe company, SWALCO is collecting athletic shoes to later be recycled into playing fields and parks.

SWALCO had been kicking around the idea for a few months, before jumping on board late last month, said Pete Adrian, recycling coordinator for SWALCO.

Adrian praised the project not

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Road issues are main course

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

Since the state is crying poor, most of the items brought up at the annual breakfast between state legislators and county board members were things like impact fees according to Lake County Chairman Suzi Schmidt (R-Lake Villa).

But road congestion was also a hot topic.

"One of the biggest things we talked about was transportation," Schmidt said. "One of the things I told the legislators was that we just did a seven-night event of asking residents what is your worst congested nightmare. And all the problems that we have been told about are state roads."

Schmidt added that the state needs to start giving back more tax dollars to Lake County.

"I will be forwarding all the concerns to Springfield that we have heard from the public. I think the state needs to get a little more

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SHOES

only because it reuses shoes for worthwhile projects, but also because it has the potential to keep area landfill less full.

When people are done with a pair of athletic shoes they will normally hold on to them for a little wile to wear while doing dirty chores such as painting and gardening, Adrian said. After that they will normally just pitch them in the trash. This, Adrian said, gives another option.

This year SWALCO is working with local schools to collect shoes. About 45 schools throughout the county are participating, Adrian said. The schools will collect shoes until the end of the year, when they will all be turned in.

The shoe program has already been used in DuPage, McHenry and Cook Counties. Last year the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County collected more than 8,800 shoes.

SWANCC has been seeing all sorts of participation, said Mary Allen, recycling and education director at SWANCC. Both adult and children's athletic shoes are coming in, Allen said.

Like SWALCO the program began in

Cook County by just collecting from shoes. But soon it spread out to community and municipal groups and clubs. Since then the response has been positive, Allen said.

Adrian said SWALCO will expand too if they see the school collections are successful.

SWALCO does not get any money from the collections, Adrian said. Shoes are sent to Nike, whose machines split them into three parts. The first part, which is also the toughest, is the out sole of the shoe, which is used for tracks, and field turf. The second part, is the foamy part between the sale and the foot, which is used to make spongy blocks which can be found under tracks and basketball courts to give a springy feel. And lastly, there is the upper part of the shoes, which is used to make a fluff like substance found in tumbling mats.

The products may come back to the area, Adrian said. In addition to companies purchasing the materials, called "Nike Grind," for ball fields, Nike routinely donates back to communities with parks or fields, Adrian said.

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County parking garage will finally open

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

After what seems like an eternity of being closed to the public, the Lake County Parking garage will soon be reopened to the public.

"As of Dec. 20 the main floor will be open to public parking. There is a nominal fee (which) I believe its 50 cents an hour," said-Lake County Board Chairman Suzi Schmidt to her county board.

After the meeting Schmidt said that one of the first things she was going to do was call Chuck Paxton, the father of Brent Paxton (R-Zion) and give him the good news about the parking lot.

"Brent's dad keeps writing me. He gets so mad that the garage isn't open so I got to give him a call and tell him that on the twentieth he can come park here."

Schmidt said that if you park all day long at the garage it will cost \$10.

"We have had a problem in the past where some of the local business people use the parking lot for their all day parking when we weren't charging any money, and that kept the public out. So we have made it \$10 a day to help eliminate that problem," Schimdt said.

She added that employees of the county will park on the top two floors and any overflow parking will be at the new Waukegan City parking garage.

The parking garage issue was brought to the forefront at a county board meeting in July, when the elder Paxton, who is the former Zion Mayor, expressed his outrage that the parking lot was continuing to be used for county employees only.

The parking lot was closed by Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

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ISSUES

aggressive in bringing the money back to Lake County. I did tell the legislators that if they did want to look into some new legislation, the county would be happy to take back all of the tax dollars we pay to the state, and we will be happy to build the roads for the state."

Schmidt said that the traffic-congested hot spots include the entire length of Route 45. Route 83, especially throughout the Grayslake area. Route 60 is another big problem that the county has been hearing about as well as Route 120.

Schmidt said these roads need to be widened and have intersection improvements.

And, although no Democratic legislators attended the breakfast, Schmidt played down the possibility that they had boycotted the meeting because they were unhappy at the county board failing to elect any Democrats to a chair or vice chair position.

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"I knew and had received a call that Senator

Terry Link (D-Waukegan wouldn't be there, and I had received a call that Eddie Washington (D-Waukegan) wouldn't' be there ahead of time. I also knew that Karen May (D-Highalnd Park) was on vacation with her family and wouldn't be there. I know it's a busy time of the year."

Schmidt added that she would hope that there was no boycott of the breakfast. "I don't operate that way and I hope that others wouldn't. I just want to do what is good for the county."

Republican Steve Carlson (R-Gurnee) was not as charitable as Schmidt.

"If the Democrats did not boycott the breakfast it was an extraordinary set of circumstances that forced the Democrats to not attend the meeting that was vital to the interests of Lake County," Carlson said.

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SBC customers eligible for compensation

Approximately 490,000 SBC customers who subscribed to the now-defunct SimpliFive calling plan are eligible for \$25 in compensation, a total of about \$12 million, under a class action settlement being announced to customers in their December phone bills, the Citizens Utility Board.

The settlement stems from a complaint CUB brought before the Illinois Commerce Commission in 2000, charging the company's marketing of the plan was misleading. The ICC agreed and ordered the company to refrain from selling the plan as a money-saving option for consumers.

But the commission ruled it had no authority to order refunds for consumers who had been

overcharged on the plan. Subsequently, private attorneys filed a class action lawsuit seeking compensation for SimpliFive customers. CUB monitored the lawsuit and helped negotiate the final settlement.

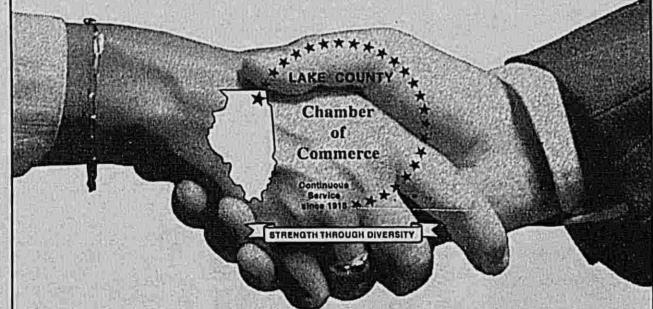
Under SimpliFive, which has not been offered since 2002, consumers paid a nickel per call for all calls up to eight miles away and five cents per minute for all other local calls. In its ICC complaint, CUB argued that only SBC customers who made a large volume of local toll calls would save money under the plan. The others who subscribed would pay more.

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Therapy provides short drive to recovery

By Kyle Schmitt
Staff Reporter

When Paul Blidy of Libertyville heard that he could not receive a planned treatment involving the implantation of radioactive seeds to combat his cancer, he felt dismayed. When he discovered a quick, painless therapy that was newly available, he was ready to fly anywhere to find it.

Earlier this year, Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Zion's Midwestern Regional Medical Center became the first cancer treatment specialty hospital in the Midwest to offer TomoTherapy treatment of tumors. The hospital serves daily around 20 patients, some of whom travel from South America and the Middle East to access the radiation treatment.

Providing patients with limited radiation exposure and physicians a clearer vision of the targeted tumor, the Highly Integrated Adaptive Radiotherapy system offers hope to Blidy and other patients, some of whom have tumors that may previously have been inoperable.

Many patients who undergo the treatment had previously visited doctors who intimated that they were going to die, said medical director of radiation oncology at Midwestern Dr. Bernard Eden, MD, who believes the hospital has "increased the weaponry" that physicians can utilize to combat cancer.

The hospital monitored TomoTherapy's safety and effectiveness for two years, Eden said, before first using the treatment in June. "It gives you some of the most precise radiation treatments on the planet, and it allows us to do some very complicated treatments that we otherwise wouldn't be able to do."

The TomoTherapy system utilizes radiation delivered from a 360-degree radius, allowing beams to intersect at and eradicate tumors that may have been unreachable with regular single-beam treatments. Beams may be delivered to treat multiple tumors at one time.

Physicians can modulate beams to prevent radiation from traveling into areas of the body unaffected by cancer, a crucial benefit when combating cancer in the head and neck areas.

The treatment protected the salivary glands of one patient who received treatment for throat cancer, preserving her sense of taste.

Such precision allows some patients who have reached their maximum tolerance dose with traditional radiation to receive help. Most patients receive one treatment per weekday for six to eight weeks, with the number of sessions depending largely on the size and location of the tumor.

Using an on-board CT scanner, doctors may take a scan of the tumor site only moments before projection, allowing physicians to confirm the tumor's location and making the radiation delivery an easier process. Without a new scan taken immediately prior to the delivery, other treatments could not compensate for the tumor's movement, nor locate its exact placement.

After being diagnosed in July, Blidy considered either having the radioactive seeds temporarily placed into his prostate or having the organ removed surgically.

The 60-year-old was overjoyed to discover that TomoTherapy required no surgery, and he could undergo all treatments 25 minutes away from his home. "I didn't have any of that, so it was easy," he said of surgical pain and other side effects. "You get up and go home, and do the same thing again the next day."

Starting his treatment in August, Blidy underwent 15 to 20 minutes of set-up time for four minutes of radiation. A bladder control problem marked the lone side effect suffered by Blidy during the treatment; he took a prescribed muscle relaxant and experienced no further problems, and said he would recommend the treatment to others based on his personal comfort and results.

Having completed 42 treatments at the beginning of November, Blidy must return to Midwestern in five weeks for a follow-up session, but he said he isn't worried. "I'm very hopeful the cancer is gone," he said, noting that Eden remains optimistic that his treatment will turn out favorably.

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A LIGHT TO REMEMBER



Photos by John Dickson

Above-RJ McMahon, President of St. Marten de Porres High School, the school's first year with Chris George, VP of Human Resources at Abbot International after the University Center of Lake County Annual Meeting.

Below-Lynne Reynolds, a professor from Northeastern Illinois University chats with John Hansen, of the United Way of Lake County.



ALOOKBACK

15 YEARS AGO • 1989

Members of the Arbor Vista subdivision voiced their concerns with a proposed extension of Route 53 into Lake County. The residents told IDOT officials they would not support the highway going near their subdivision.

20 YEARS AGO • 1984

A Wildwood man was killed in a fire at his home. The man had originally made it out safely, but before firefighters arrived, he Lake County history from the Lakeland Archives

had gone back in to retrieve something. He never came back out.

25 YEARS AGO • 1979

Waukegan resident Phyllis Stevenson was the first woman named executive director of the National Association of Citizens Crime Commissions. Stevenson had served

on NACCC's board of directors for six years.
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was appointed to the Illinois Athletic Board.

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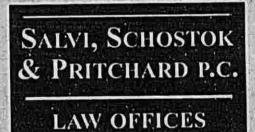
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Big and bigger housing market

hat the building industry has in store for 2005 probably is being received with mixed feelings by beleagured taxpayers and frustrated motorists who are well aware of higher taxes and traffic gridlock associated with more

What they may not be aware of are the market forces and good old-fashioned supply and demand economics fueling the inexorable drive for more and more residential construction. Simply put, pressure on publicly traded building companies from investors and Wall Street analysts remains unabated for massive developments.

The investment pressures force local privately held builders to keep up. Their projects are smaller and thereby more digestible where demands for public services exist. But the pressure for continued growth can't be denied.

What's of interest to residents of Lake County is that the realization of mega developments is centered in the far west metropolitan areas in such previous crossroads communities as Elburn, Yorkville and Pingree Grove. By the way, if you reside in northeastern Illinois, Pingree Grove probably isn't on your regular call list. Ah, yes. Remember when Huntley was a wide spot on Rte. 47? Senior housing and outlet shops changed that perception.

The big public builders are outlining plans next year for developments of 1,000, 2,000 or more homes apiece. At least in Lake County the projects on the drawing boards and in village building departments have one less zero.

Interestingly, there is little talk here of a "housing bubble" like fears springing up in other housing hot spots around the nation. The classic housing bubble occurs when there is great demand coupled with limited supply. That hasn't yet occurred in Lake County. Demand for new housing remains strong, but the developing industry and local builders still are able to supply the demand. Governmental forces providing for permitting and ample demand equate to continued brisk growth in housing.

Pointing finger at loss of jobs

here is good reason to believe that Illinois voters are more aware of Illinois' greatest need than state lawmakers: that our greatest need is job growth. Characterizing employers as villains won't create jobs or bring prosperity.

Douglas L. Whitley, president and CEO of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce hammered home this point in a report to Chamber directors. Whitley pointed to two election results as an example of what he is talking about: the defeat of a downstate Supreme Court judge and the election for state senator of Gary Dahl over 22year veteran Pat Welch.

Rejecting Gordon Maag in the 5th District Supreme Court, Whitley stated, voters stood up for retaining and restoring access to quality healthcare, assuring job creation and diminishing Illinois' reputation as a magnet for class action lawyers seeking huge fees and a haven for frivolous lawsuits. The business leader regarded Welch as a sponsor of anti-business legislation, who cost the state 16,000 jobs and \$120 million in business investment due to excessive fees. Welch was singled out for 45 percent of employers increasing costs to consumers by shifting costs of health insurance premiums and passing on employers' share of state and local taxes to an exceptional rate of 50.8 percent—substantially above the U.S. average of 42.6 percent.

By and large, Lake County's lawmakers typically break along party lines with regard to business legislation, Republicans supporting business-friendly laws and Democrats voting for laws the business community regards as not in the best interest of job creation. Whitley's comments can be interpreted as a "shot across the bow" that the Illinois business community not only will be watching how their representatives vote, but helping make sure they ponder what's good for the state retiring anti-business legislators.



VIEWPOINT

Keeping Christ in Christmas

nly in the public schools can there be inclusion and exclusion at the same time. That explains the continued disappearance of Christmas in more and more schools.

One of the latest exclusions of Christ and Christmas for the sake of inclusion of other cultural observances made headlines for Spring Grove Elementary School in neighboring McHenry County.

Children and their parents gathered to express holiday cheer, sang about lighting candles for Hanukkah and gave verse to the celebration of Kwanzaa. Santa Claus came in for mention, but there was nary a reference to Christ, the Christmas story or the singing of carols. What took place—or didn't at Spring Grove is pretty

standard at a lot of schools. But the omission didn't go unnoticed by some Spring Grove parents and they complained to Christian organizations.

Spring Grove School officials replied to complaints in what has become the typical response of officialdom. Trying to be more inclusive and recognize other cultures. Principal John Druszczak said there was no attempt to slight anybody. Supt. George Zimmer, admitting the omission of Christ, said teachers were trying to seek "balance." Druszczak insisted that songs reflected "Christian values."

What has happened at many other public schools and at Spring Grove this year is that supersensitivity and fear of lawsuits have tipped the scale way beyond the bounds of common sense.

The policy of inclusion (other cultures) is being implemented with exclusion (Christ and Christianity) that many citizens find offensive and unAmerican (including this observer).

In today's climate of political correctness, educators and a segment of the public ignore the fact that they can have it both ways. Simply put Jesus Christ in a historical context and tell the Christmas story as part of education. Don't they know? Footnote: Many years

ago an elderly gentleman would appear at the newspaper office after Thanksgiving every year and plunk down the price to publish a halfpage advertisement entitled "Keeping Christ in Christmas." He published the ad until he died. One man's way of making a statement. Even then (35 years



Bill Schroeder

Publisher

ago) there were forces at work to divorce Christ from Christmas.

One man's family

First tooth and all, granddaughter Caroline is as ready for Christmas as a sixmonth-old can be. First Christmas always is extra special. Erica and Ali have sent word from Texas that they've decorated a live tree that will be planted in the backyard after the holidays. Planting trees will be the farthest thing in mind for their cousins, John, Nikki and Tommy. This time of year Illinois kids are getting ready for a new skiing and snowboarding season. Got boards, Santa? Ready or not, it's here. Merry Christmas!

COMMENTARY



SEEING IT THROUGH

John Matijevich

Citizens lose voiceon TIF project

ast winter, I wrote a column about the Village of Fox Lake's vote to create a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. It was created to assist a developer to construct a hotel/water park at Pistakee Lake off Route 12. My closing sentence of the column, after reporting that the board voted to designate the TIF, was, "I predict that there will be more fireworks ahead." Well, there were more fireworks after the village board in June adopted a \$4.95 million alternate obligation bond, and allowed in the ordinance for a "backdoor

There was a valiant community effort energized by Peter Jakstas Sr. to put the matter before the voters. He and others collected more than the 417 signatures to allow the issue to be voted in the general election. The developer, through a local citizen who rents office space from him, challenged the validity of the petitions on the grounds that the pages were not properly numbered and bound.

The local electoral board ruled that the petitions were not In statutory compliance. Judge Terrance Brady ruled that the petitions were in "substantial compliance" as called for in the state statutes. That decision was appealed to the Illinois

Appellate Court.

I had my fingers crossed hoping that the higher court would affirm Judge Brady's decision. It was such an important issue that affects the Fox Lake community, and I thought that it would be a shame that such a technicality would deprive them to express their voice on the matter. Unfortunately, the higher court reversed the lower court. The decision came so late that the ballots had to be printed with the issue on them. That must have been frustrating for Fox Lake citizens to see the issue before them, yet their voices didn't count.

As you may know, I have written about my displeasure about what has happened to TIF laws. It's original intent, and I supported it then, was laudatory to assist development in blighted areas. Since then, it has been used almost exclusively to assist developers to finance projects anywhere, not just blighted properties.

The problem is that the TIF law freezes taxing bodies in the

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Political pause mark of holidays

robably not for long, but politicians and public figures are taking a holiday breather. Besides wishing each other season's greetings, members of Lake County Democratic Women will be promoting ticket sales for a fun night and political satire featuring a performance by Capitol Steps, nationally known Georgetown University theater group. The evening event Jan. 22 will start with dinner in Highland Park with the show following at Center East Theatre for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Lake County Record Mary Ellen

Vanderventer is coordinating reservations. at 847-249-4404. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$50 for dinner only. Members contributed. \$8,000 to candidates in the fall election.

Members of the Lake County Republican Federation held a Christmas gathering at Libertyville headquarters Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16. Those attending brought nonperishable food items, toys, books and winter clothes. There will be numerous township organization Christmas parties.

Many public figures will be out of town. One of them will be Congressman Mark



Vanderventer: Fun time spells vote increase on election day.



Eschenbauch: Growth policies paved the way for retirement.

Kirk who is coupling an official visit to Iraq with delivering holiday mail to deployed troops. "Cards and letters only," stipulated the Republican legislator who will be hand carrying the mail. Kirk said he promised his wife to be home for Christmas at their residence in Ft. Sheridan.

Congressman-elect Melissa Bean already is attending to representative duties. One of her appearances was Thursday at East

McHenry High School at a student recognition program where Ellen McMannus was honored for spearheading a student drive that raised \$500 for the purchase of comfort items for troops overseas.

Calling all designers

Officials of Lincolnshire-Prairie View School have opened the doors wide by inviting all residents to compete in a contest to design a logo representing District 103's vision * of education excellence. Supt. Larry Fleming said the theme is "Leaders in Learning." Deadline for submitting designs is Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Role models

Rick Mittelman, announced candidate for supervisor of Libertyville Township, will be drawing on inspiration gained from living in Grant Township (Fox Lake/Ingleside) where township officials "were close to the people." Mittelman, 53, learned about township government watching the late Gordon Klesgen

and Alberta Miller, former Grant supervisors, handle their duties. He has resided in Libertyville for 15 years where he is a practicing attorney.

Got'em guessing

Even close friends and supporters aren't sure if Lake Villa Trustee Joyce Frayer is serious about challenging Mayor Frank Loffredo in the spring 2005 elections. Frayer has a long record of service including mayor and her current trusteeship. One thing is certain. She hasn't lost her zeal for village politics or a close eye on how public funds are spent.

Saw end coming

The timing was more of a surprise than his announcement of retirement. Political observers said they saw the coming end of Wauconda Mayor Jim Eschenbauch's career in public service. Challengers of Eschenbauch's pro-growth policies have been making their displeasure known since he was re-elected in 2001.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Retired coroner fires back at successor



Richardson

Any person desiring to be a candidate (or fortunately, perhaps), when the Letter to the Editor entitled "Vote of Confidence" appeared in the print media I did not see it. It wasn't until a close friend asked me about the letter and also urged me to respond, that I read Richard Keller's

comments about the Office of Coroner. Somehow, I think he must have known that these comments would not go unchallenged, unanswered, any longer. And, he would further know that there is no one but the old retired coroner who would be compelled to break her silence and respond, since I could readily see that his comments were directed towards me-the person who served Lake County for 26 plus years in the coroner's office. In fact, shame on me if I did not defend the office that I served and loved beyond a shadow of a doubt. "Lake County now has a physician as

coroner," he wrote. So what? So, he continues to use that phrase as it was proclaimed necessary over and over again throughout his campaign when, in truth, it means nothing. If Dr. Keller had done his homework, or at least listened when it was explained that a mere MD cannot (by law) do any pathology in the coroner's office; that he will not have patients waiting in the waiting room for treatment (isn't that the role of most physicians?); that we have had three stateapproved forensic pathologists on staff for decades; have two consulting physicians, although their services were never required, M.D.s on the coroner's staff ready to respond; has a deputy coroner who has his medical degree and two forensic odontologists on its medical staff.

The coroner's office, is, by state statute, an office of death investigation, under the umbrella of the law enforcement community, and definitely NOT the medical community. If a physician is so important to this office, consider the fact that there may be two other part-time physician coroners from the 100 counties in Illinois who have the coroner system, both from counties under 50,000 people.

"I will bring professionalism and ethical standards to that office that it has been lacking," he continued. I felt like I had been slapped across the hear when I read that ridiculous statement. But, let's look at some other facts that might interest the public who only received the misinformation Terry Link and the Democratic Party wanted you

for political office is requested to sign a Code of Fair Campaign Practices. Richard Keller did not sign this code. Could the reason he did not sign be because the Code clearly states that a candidate will NOT: "use or permit the use of character defamation-libelslander or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal-life; will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity-of (the) opposition."

Let's talk ETHICS. My ethical standards Aware of budget include "Thou shall not steal." The confidential records that were "taken" from the coroner's office three years ago by an ex-employee and somehow found their way to Terry Link's Democratic Party just a month before the election does not meet my ethical standards, nor were they met by the ex-employee-with emphasis on "ex." The use of words like "corruption" in headlines of newspapers and on every piece of political propaganda they distributed was in direct violation of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices by Keller, Link and Company and certainly doesn't meet any ethical standards, nor yours, I feel quite sure.

The phone calls made to previous employees of the coroner's office, urging them to provide the Link Democrats with more "corruptive" misinformation does not meet my ethical, nor professional standards either. Yes, that definitely occurred.

The code was broken in every way by Dr. Keller and the Democratic Party when they attacked Jim Wipper's integrity, personally and professionally; when they published and distributed campaign literature that misrepresented, distorted and falsified the facts and when they made and published unfounded accusations, creating and exploiting doubt in the minds of the voters about Mr. Wipper. Little wonder the code was unsigned by the Democratic candidate. How else could they deliberately make such "scurrilous attacks" on the opponent and still look in the mirror each morning?

Yes, training in ethics and professionalism by his transition team will definitely be needed by the newly-sworn coroner after the lack of both was so blatantly exhibited during the last campaign. That training will be necessary to bring the office back to the high standard of ethical and professional behavior it was prior to his running for and ultimately taking office.

In that same letter, I also read some very fancy terminology that, simply put, said that Richard Keller will merely do everything positive that has been done for at least two decades and done using ethical and profes-

sional standards that I put in place and per- every resident in the Village of Lake Villa. formed by an outstanding staff who met them with integrity and honesty. I am grateful that he recognized our efforts in the past and wants to continue them.

WOW. I finally feel better for having said what I believe needed to be and should have been said. Thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to serve Lake County for one-third of my life and finally, now, speak out on behalf of a staff for which I feel most proud, who served by my side.

Barbara E. Richardson Retired Coroner

A newspaper article "Frayer plans to run for mayor again," upset Lake Villa Mayor Frank Loffredo. The article stated Lake Villa has been spending money mostly on the Lehmann Mansion. Lake Villa has borrowed money from the water and sewer funds to pay off the mansion and has now issued a bond for \$1 million to make additional repairs.

Mayor Loffredo felt it necessary to address a letter to the Oak Knoll, Oak Lane and Oakwood residents dated Nov. 10 regarding "street project." In his letter, the mayor made the statement that what I stated in the article was not correct. Loffredo stated "during its annual budget, we allocated money for repaying the three Oak streets, etc.—" The mayor failed to read the memo from our village treasurer, dated Oct. 13. The memo stated in part, "because of the state of the budget, and the fact that his project came up at the last minute, it WAS NOT added to the budget, and the budget was passed without this project."

I hope this rectifies any misconceptions created by Mayor Loffredo's letter and I am very aware of my fiduciary responsibilities to

Joyce F. Frayer Trustee for Village of Lake Villa

Train-wreck style

Train-Wreck Engineer Mayor Don Rudny and Conductor Tom Chamberlain once again derailed Gurnee's East Side Express. I have never been actively involved in politics but have recently been attending the board meetings to insure that the village where I was born and raised will remain to prosper and have positive growth

I work in a large corporate environment and have attended thousands of meetings in my career and have never seen such unprofessional, antagonistic behavior at a meeting in my entire professional life.

Side-tracking maneuvers that the mayor and his majority performed will ultimately cost Gurnee either in EAV for Gurnee Grade School District 56, or in a costly lawsuit that the taxpayers may bear. Conductor Chamberlain stole the brake handle from Rudny's Runaway Train that is the Gurnee Community Bank Development Plan. Barb Thoma amazed me by wasting citizens valuable time with her petty remarks and smirk on her face that reminded me of the days when I was a teenager and on the Warren High School Student Council.

With Trustees Wasser and Thoma's help, Rudny and Chamberlain successfully railroaded this development into more unnecessary costs and lost time on something that should have been able to glide right down the track and be greeted and cheered as beneficial to the needs of the village residents. We should yell "All aboard" to vote these elected officials out on a rail elsewhere.

Tanya Moore Gurnee

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community from generating increased revenues within the TIF District for 23 years. That becomes a direct blow to local taxing bodies, particularly local school districts. I am informed that the legislature added more nonsense and hardship to the issue by extending the issue to where local municipalities can freeze the tax revenues to 35 years. It's like putting handcuffs on your local school districts and other taxing bodies.

Although the Fox Lake voters were "muzzled" from expressing their view on the project, I commend them for the effort that they expended to their cause. Also, a debt of gratitude is owed to Peter Jakstas Sr. and Trustee

Cindy Irwin for their leadership in spearheading the opposition to the TIF project.

By speaking out, more and more communities are beginning to learn that many of the TIF projects can be a boon to developers and a bust to local school districts and taxpayers. I have noticed that two developments in Lake Villa are drawing storms of protest based on zoning and TIF concerns. Also, more and more newspapers around the state are beginning to editorialize about the detrimental effects that TIFs are having on local tax bases and how the

TIF law has been misused and abused. Keep speaking out, local citizens. They're finally starting to listen to you.

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FASTTRACK

Lake Forest Hospital accredited

Lake Forest Hospital, its affiliated Westmoreland Nursing Center, Outpatient & Acute Care Center in Grayslake and Home Care program remain fully accredited by demonstrating compliance with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' (JCAHO) national standards for health-care quality and safety. The announcement was made following a four-day on-site visit by a team of JCAHO surveyors early this year.

VW Credit donates \$5K to outing

When the staff at VW Credit in Libertyville was deciding on an organization to receive proceeds from their golf outing, Linda Wallen remembered her friend Cassandra (Cassie) Winters, age 9, who has been receiving services from Condell's Pediatric Alternatives in Creative Therapy (PACT) program for the past seven years. Knowing the excellent progress Cassie has made because of PACT, the organization became the decided upon recipient of the \$5,000 raised at VW Credit's 2004 golf outing. VW Credit has decided to donate next year's golf outing proceeds to PACT as well.

Pricester affiliates with Clear Stream

Pricester, Inc., a new e-commerce model for the online retail industry and one of the planet's fastest growing e-commerce portals, today announced that they are affiliating with Clear Stream Commerce LLC, located in Lake Villa. Through Wizard software and Pricester's technical support staff, Chicago residents can create their own online retail stores to trade, auction or sell anything. Go to www.affiliatelink.biz to join.

Wreath company for disabled workers opens

Moments Remembered, the area's first wreath business designed to employ individuals with developmental disabilities, has opened in Northbrook.

Operated by Glenkirk, a 50-year-old not-for-profit providing vocational, residential and support services for over 1,000 persons with developmental disabilities in Lake and Cook Counties, Moments Remembered uses fresh flowers from special occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, christenings, birthdays and funerals to make dried floral wreaths.

To order a custom-made wreath or donate fresh flowers, contact Glenkirk Moments Remembered at 847-504-2727.

Learn how to explain technology

Technology is everywhere, but who can explain it to the rest of us? That is the job of a technical communicator. The College of Lake County offers a certificate program in Technical Communication that can be earned in just two semesters or by taking 18 credit hours. "The Technical Communication program trains people who want to make a career change into the exciting field of technical writing," according to Program Coordinator Judy

Rosenberg. Classes offered in spring semester 2005 include Technical Composition I, Advanced Scientific and Technical Writing, Professional Communication, Print Production and Web Page Design. The final component of the program is an internship, where students work for a company and gain valuable experience applying their new technical writing skills. Registration is now underway for spring 2005 classes, which begin Jan. 18, 2005. For more information about the Technical Communication program, call Judy Rosenberg at 847-543-2546 or e-mail her at jrosenb@clcillinois.edu or go to clcpages.clcillinois.edu/home/com427

Traditions: New homes in old communities



By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Seniors looking for smaller homes and an active-adult community may soon find new options close to the home and heart.

Gearing their residences toward adults age 55 and older, Burnside Homes recently launched Traditions at Glen Flora, a community of 98 maintenance-free attached ranch homes located in Waukegan. Developers have sold approximately 15 percent of the duplex and quad homes to prospective tenants, who will begin moving in during the late-spring or summer of 2005.

Many seniors find themselves ready to move into smaller homes with more amenities, but don't want to leave their current lives behind, said Peter Goergen, executive director of sales for Burnside Homes.

"They've got a lot of friends and family who stay in that area," said Goergen, who believes that residents are hesitant to leave behind their churches, doctors and community involvement.

"We just feel our niche is a small, intimate setting where everybody does know their neighbors again."



Above left-The artist's rendering of the duplex homes available from Traditions at Glen Flora. Above right-Mayor Richard Hyde helps cut the ribbon for Traditions at Glen Flora. From left to right: George Arquilla II, Burnside Homes CEO, Hyde, and Burnside Homes president George Arquilla, III.

Bordering the Glen Flora Country Club and surrounded by forest preserves, the community boasts a health club and six to seven acres of on-site wooded areas, Goergen said.

Traditions will feature a 4300-square-foot clubhouse, pool and an activities director who will schedule trips to museums, athletic events and other attractions.

Providing recreational activities in their home setting gives many residents second thoughts about moving to warmer environments, Goergen said. He wants Traditions to become the premiere active-adult community on the North Shore, noting that 10,000 people turn 55 everyday. "If a builder isn't involved in

this, they'll be hard-pressed to get into it pretty quickly."

The two-to-three bedroom duplex residences range from \$259,900 to \$276,900, while the one-to-bedroom quad homes run from \$229,900 to just over \$300,000. Burnside recently launched an active-adult community at Olympia Fields, and hopes to open a similar enterprise in Elgin within the next several months.

The Traditions at Glen Flora sales center is located on Blanchard Road just west of Sheridan Road. For more information, call 847-336-8888 or visit burnsidehomes.com.

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Recession over, workers look to move on, says local entrepreneur

With the recession over, workers in the Spring Grove area, and across the nation, are finding themselves at a career crossroads, part of a growing movement of people ready to jump ship and start over, according to Paula Skweres of the Spring Grove office of The Entrepreneur,s Source, a national business ownership consulting franchise.

"The recent recession and layoffs have increased both the workload and stress levels of people who've remained in the workforce," Skweres said. "Despite the increased work, pay for most jobs in the Spring Grove area are the same, while benefits and retirement plans

are shrinking. This situation has created a growing trend where people are looking to abandon their jobs and move on."

Skweres explained that the current economic upswing has given more people the motivation to take charge of their destiny by exploring business ownership. A study by Monster.com, a career web site, showed that 86 percent of Americans are not happy with their current jobs. At the same time, the number of people starting their own businesses is rising steadily.

For more information, call Skweres at 815-675-6887 or visit www.theesource.com/PSkweres.

Assumed business names

Blurtech, 216 Waterbury Circle, Lake Villa, 847-833-2546. Owner: John. W., Laurel B. Osmond. Purpose: IT/Computer support and consulting.

North Suburban Cleaning Service, 650 Whitney Ct., #107, Gurnee, 847-212-9389. Owner: Azama & Aldarov. Purpose: Cleaning service

D and L Carpet Cleaning, 685 Brittany Square, Apt. 4, Grayslake; 847-770-7248. Owner: Fernando D. Meza. Purpose: Carpet cleaning.

Paris Nail Spa, 3070 W. Route 60, Suite AB, Mundelein. Owner: Bachile Huynh. Purpose: Nail Salon

VHS4DVD, 1005 Grant Pl., Wauconda, 847-526-5691. Owner: Dawn, Kevin Kent. **Purpose DVD Products and Services**

Vans Electric, 26035 W. IL Route 60, Grayslake, 847-546-1086. Owner: Jerry Van Dyke. Purpose: Commercial and Residential Electrical Install.

SAG Enterprises/Pizza Italia, 277 Evergreen Dr., Vernon Hills, 847-816-6161. Owner: Allen Glandonato. Purpose: Restaurant Carry Out Pizza

For Keeps, 302 Blossom, Apt. 102, Lakemoor, 815-363-0346. Owner: Colleen A. Lennon. Purpose: Handmade Jewelry-Wholesale Distributor

Fabulous Finishes, 33601 Royal Oak, Wildwood, 847-543-1847. Owner: Leslie Cicero. Purpose: Decorative Painting

Circulaire Heating and Cooling, 2503 Highland Dr., Lindenhurst, 847-702-7000. Owners: Tomasz B. Malyszko, Robert M. Petit. Purpose: HVAC Installation and Service

Just-in-Time Motor Service, 37 Riverview Ave., Fox Lake, 847-973-1816. Owners: Theresa G., Daniel A. Wilkins. Purpose: Transport property owned by others for compensation

Stress-free shopping at mall since retailers are continuously announcing

The holidays can be a stressful time to shop. Large crowds, heavy bags, lots of noise, and children clamoring for Santa can damper anyone's holiday spirit. Gurnee Mills offers shoppers the following 10 tips to help make the holidays less hectic and more enjoyable.

1. Make a list: who you need to buy for, sizes, and stores.

 2. Shop during weekday mornings, earlier in the week, during football games, at dinnertime, and other hours when the center is less

3. Allow time for comparison shopping when needing to stick within a specific budget. 4. Ask for larger, easy-to-carry bags and handles so you can combine your purchases.

5. Carefully watch the paper and inserts

new sales and markdowns.

6. Take advantage of free gift wrapping that is available at many stores and Gurnee Mills near Entry F.

7. Keep all holiday receipts in an easy-tofind envelope in case you need to return or exchange a gift.

8. Know the return and refund policies of each store where you purchase gifts.

9. Read advertisements carefully to know quantity limits, special sale hours, and rain check policies.

10. Be sure to shop early to avoid the holiday rush.

By following these tips, shoppers will have a less stressful holiday experience.

Waukegan Savings and Loan mascot sales helps area charity

Mascot Bendable figures for sale. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army. The Waukegan Savings Mascot is an inquisitive creation with a big grin, remarkable eyes and eyebrows and lots of bounce styled in the colors of the bank's red and black logo.

"Our mascot would make a perfect stocking stuffer during this holiday season,"

Waukegan Savings is offering their Bank said Theodore 'Ted' Stanulis, bank president. "It also gives us an opportunity to contribute to the fine work of the Salvation Army." Mascots are available at all three of our convenient locations.

Established in 1924, Waukegan Savings and Loan SB, with assets of \$130 million presently serves the area with three locations and a full complement of products and

OBITUARIES

Jeanne Marie Micucci

Age 71 of Grayslake, passed away Dec. 7, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Mitchell, SD, the daughter of the late Wilfred B. and Bedelia K. (nee Slattery) Findley. She was a member of the Prairie Patch Quilt Guild in Grayslake.

Jeanne is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Charles P. Micucci; her children, Charles P. Micucci Jr. of New York City, NY, Kathleen M. Pennington of Glenview, Patrick A. (Elisabeth) Micucci of Sweden, Michael A. (Kathy) Micucci of Virginia, and Daniel W. (Susan) Micucci of Lake Zurich; nine grandchildren; a sister and two brothers.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., Dec. 16 at St. Gilbert Catholic Church (chapel), 301 E. Belvidere Rd., in Grayslake. Visitation was from 5-9 p.m., Dec. 15 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., in Grayslake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Lake County Regional Office, 100 Tri-State International, Suite 125, Lincolnshire, IL

Antone 'Tony' Pavletic

Age 91 died Dec. 6. Mr. Pavletic was born in Krascia, Croatia and immigrated to Chicago in 1920. He was employed by the North Shore Railroad from 1930-1963 and also was a scout for the St. Louis Browns. Tony served as a sergeant in the Army Engineers in WWII and was stationed in England and France.

Survivors include his beloved companion Norma Vukelich; his sisters Mary (Ted) Potkonjak and Helen (Bud) Halford; six nieces; five nephews, 23 great nieces and nephews; great-great nieces and many friends. He is preceded in death by his father, James and his mother, Maria (Paravic).

Funeral Services were private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made for Masses or to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Rev. Gabriel 'Anthony' Ignaszak, OFM, Conv.

Age 99, a Marytown Priest in Libertyville was called to eternal life on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004. Father Gabriel was born Dec. 5, 1905 in Buffalo, NY, where he was a graduate of St. Canisius High School. He entered the Novitiate at the age of 17 and made his first vows on Sept. 9, 1923. He attended St. Francis College in Athol Springs, NY., Sant' Anselmo and Collegio Serafico in Rome, Italy, making his Solemn Vows on Oct. 4, 1926. He was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 22, 1928 in Rome by Cardinal Pompilji, Vicar of Rome.

After ordination, he returned to the United States and ministered first as a teacher at the Seminary in Granby, Mass. and subsequently as Associate Pastor and later Pastor in various parishes across the U.S. and Canada. Having lead a dedicated life of ministry and Franciscan witness, Fr. Gabriel retired to live with his confreres at Our Lady of Fatima Friary at Marytown in Libertyville.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Marcyanna (Klamrowski) Ignaszak; four brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was held Dec. 15 in the Marytown Chapel at 1600 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, Visitation was from 6-9 p.m., Dec. 14 at Marytown in Libertyville. Interment was on Dec. 17 in Cheektowaga, NY. Memorial contributions can be made to Marytown, 1600 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048 in his memory. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Edmund 'Rich' Knipp Jr.



Age 78, a resident of Lake Villa, died Friday, Dec. = 10, 2004 at the Victory Memorial Hospital in

Waukegan. He was born in Chicago to Edmund R. and Lillian (nee Case) Knipp Sr. and had graduated from Lane Tech High School. He was a veteran of WWII having served with the U.S. Army Air Corp. and was united in marriage to Nancy Ann Thomson on April 6, 1950 in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years Nancy Knipp of Lake Villa; three sons, David (Joie) Knipp of Salem, Wis., Gregory (Judy) Knipp of Antioch and Michael Knipp of Lake Villa; nine grandchildren; four great grandchildren and a

Visitation was on Dec. 12 from 1-4 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, Fox Lake (The Chapel on the lake) Funeral Service was conducted at 4 p.m., Dec. 12 at the funeral home. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers the family will appreciate memorials for the American Cancer society, 100 Tri-State International 125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 or for the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60604.

Donald O. Baker



Age 56 of Lake Villa, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004 at Victory Memorial Hospital in

Waukegan. He was born in Blysville, Ark., the son of Odell and Betty (Cameron) Baker. He served in the U.S. Army 1st and 7th Calvary in Vietnam and was a highly decorated hero, including the Bronze Star Medal. He was a custodian at the Woodland School in Gurnee. He worked prior for Diemer Plumbing in Antioch and with his wife Irene, had operated the Cedar Inn in Lake Villa. On May 15, 1979, he married Irene Gerosa in Millburn.

Survivors include his wife Irene; two daughters, Annie Baker (Fiancée Ronald Berglund) of Spring Grove and Tammy (Sang) Hill of Cocoa, Fla.; his father Odell baker in Tennessee and his mother Betty (Charlie) Newlin in Texas; his sister/ a brother; four grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m.,

Dec. 11 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, Interment was in Hillside Cemetery. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 10. Friends desiring may make contributions to the Vista Star Hospice, 2615 Washington St., Waukegan, IL 60085 in his memory.

John E. Foley



WWII.

Age 85, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 1, in Kansas City, Kan. He was raised in Milwaukee, Wis., and enlisted in the Army, serving in Europe during

He is survived by his wife, Judith; three children, Jeff (Cathy) Foley of Libertyville, Jennifer (Kurt) Wagner and John (Shannon) Foley, both of Shawnee, Kan.; six grandchildren and a sister. He is preceded in death by his parents, John T. and Zella Foley and by his first wife, Berniece.

Funeral Mass was held Dec. 4 at St. Joseph Church in Shawnee, Kan. Interment with full military honors followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Bernadine T. 'Bonnie' Otto

Age 77, a former resident of Vernon Hills, passed away Monday, Dec. 6, 2004 in Las Vegas, Nev. She was a gifted musician and also enjoyed sewing and crocheting afghans.

Surviving are her son Stephen Otto of Las Vegas, Nev. and daughter, Mary Otto-Faktor of Peninsula, Ohio; two grandchildren three great grandchildren; a sister and a brother. She is preceded in death by her husband Frank Otto in

Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 13 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Vernon Cemetery in Lincolnshire. Visitation was for one hour prior to the service on Dec. 13.

Donald K. Petersen



Age 77, of Libertyville, passed away Dec. 12, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born in Libertyville, the son of the late William and Laura (nee Schreck) Petersen. He was a veteran of WWII, and active within

his community. He is survived by his wife, Mathilda (nee Peshut) Petersen; his sons, Patrick Petersen of Vernon Hills, Raymond (Kelly) Petersen of Spring Grove, Joseph (Pam) Atkinson of Libertyville, and Kevin (Betty) Atkinson of Round Lake; his

grandchildren; his brothers and a sister. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by five brothers. A Memorial Service was held at 11

a.m., Dec. 16 at the First Presbyterian Church, in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Lake County Regional Office, 100 Tri-State International, Suite 125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Services were handled by Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., in Grayslake.

Theodore L. Natonek Sr.

Age 93 of Wildwood, passed away Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004 at Hillcrest Nursing Center in Round Lake Beach. He was born in Chicago to Joseph and Victoria (nee Kaczmarczyk) Natonek. He was the past owner of Wilson Foremost Liquors in Ingleside. He was also a founding member of the Ted Nat's Orchestra.

Surviving are his daughter, Lorraine M. (Michael A.) Cericola of Round Lake Beach; son, Ted F. Natonek of Wheeling and a beloved granddaughter. His wife, Lillian M. (nee Poloniak) Natonek; a brother, a sister, and his parents precede him in death.

Friends of the family visited on Dec. 16 from noon -3 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., in Grayslake. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Foundation, 4709 Golf Rd., Stc. 1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

Anna Albano

Age 90, formerly of Libertyville, passed away Monday, Dec. 13, 2004 at the St. Joseph Home in Kenosha, Wis. She married her devoted husband, Pat, 72 years ago.

Surviving are her daughters, Phyllis (James) Belzer of Naples, Fla and Patricia Albano of Grayslake; her grandchildren; a sister; a sister-in-law and her dear friend, William Rosing. She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Philomena Nardi; her husband, Pat Albano; a daughter, Roseanne Skarda and six brothers and sisters.

Prayer Service began at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 16 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to St. Joseph Church in Libertyville for a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Entombment followed at Ascension Cemetery. Visitation was from 8 a.m., until the time of prayers, Dec. 16 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the St. Joseph Home, 9244-29th Ave., Kenosha, Wis., 53143 in her memory.

Jason P. Johnson

Age 32 of Gurnee, passed away suddenly, Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004 at his home.

Surviving are his mother, Heidi (Joseph Borgini) Johnson of Gurnee; his grandmother, Kathryn Johnson of Park City; his aunt Kathy (Jeff) Lippeth of Gages Lake and uncle, Eric Johnson of Wausau, Wis.; four cousins and his best friend, Sandy. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Donald W. Johnson.

A private family service is pending. Arrangements are handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

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Age 33 of Round Lake Park, passed away suddenly on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004. He was born in Libertyville, the son of Sandra and the late Darryl.

He is survived by his sons, Drew and Jacob; his mother, Sandra (Juan) Villar; his brother, John (Jeannie) Collins of Mundelein; and sister, Rebecca of Round Lake Park. Also surviving are many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

To submit an obituary, please call

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Memorial Service will be at 7 p.m., Dec. 17 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., (Route 83), Lake Villa (two blocks south of Route 132-(Grand Avenue) Interment will be private. Visitation will be on Friday, Dec. 17 from 6 p.m., until the time of service.

Marjorie V. Jones

Age 73, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004 in the company of her family at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan. Graduate of Mother of God Grade School, Waukegan High School (class of 1949). She retired from the 10th Street True Value Hardware Store after 25 years of service.

"Marge" is survived by her son, John R. Jones Jr.; her daughter, Patricia Ramig; a sister; a sister-in-law and many other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Josephine Heraver; her husband, John R. Jones Sr. (1977); sisters, Josephine and Frances, Sylvia Istok and a brother, Joseph Heraver Jr.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 16 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, in North Chicago. Visitation was on Dec. 15 from 4-8 p.m. at the Gurnee Funeral Home in Gurnee. Burial followed at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marge's name to the American Cancer Society.

Dennis C. Resch

Age 57 of Wankegan, passed away Monday, Dec. 13, 2004 at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan, He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., the son of Louis C. and Josephine (Zwicke) Resch. He married Darlene Mohn in 1969 in Waukegan; was employed at Abbott Lab. for 22 years and then at Auto Zone for two years.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene; his son, Jason (Brigid Conarchy) of Grayslake; his mother, Josephine Resch of Waukegan; three aunts and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Louis.

Visitation was on Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Marsh Funeral Home in Waukegan. Interment was at North Shore Garden of Memories in North Chicago.

Frank B. 'Mungo' Drassler



Age 86 of Gurnee, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII.

He is survived by his dear sister, Marie "Mitzie" Zelenik; nephews, Stanley (Anita) Drassler Jr., Joseph (Mary Ellen) Hrutka; nieces; many great nieces and great nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, Alberta; his parents, Joseph and Frances Drassler; two brothers; a sister and a nephew.

Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 15 at Immaculate Conception Church in Waukegan. Interment with Military Honors followed at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Friends called at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass on Dec. 15. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the American Heart Association or Immaculate Conception Church. The Salata-Gurnee Funeral Home in Gurnee handled the arrangements.

Carol Jean 'Toni' Schuffler

Age 57, passed away Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004 at her home in Lindenhurst.

She is survived by her sisters, Mary (Tom) Conn of Gurnee and Judy (George) Bellegante of Zion and nieces and a nephew; many other relatives and friends; and her companion, her loving cat, "Patches." She is preceded in death by her parents, Wilbert and Jean (nee Zelenik) Schuffler; a niece and a nephew.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., Dec. 14 at the Salata-Gurnee Funeral Home in Gurnee. Services and burial was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 15 at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville.

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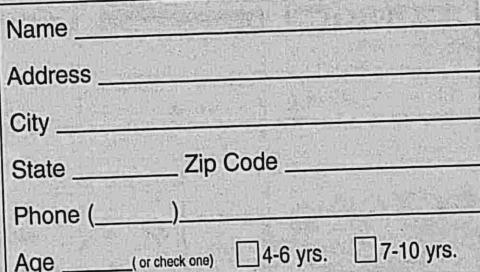


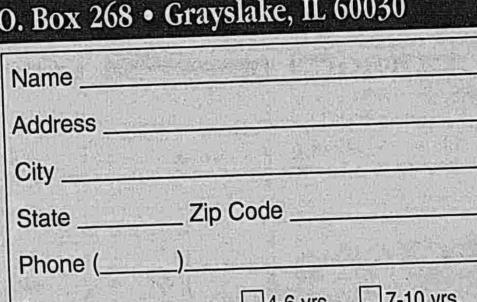
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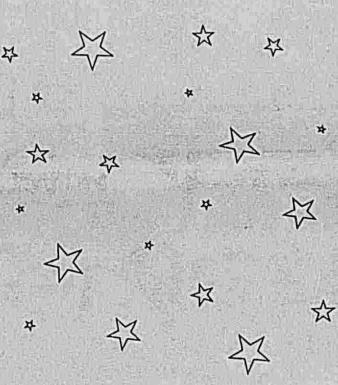
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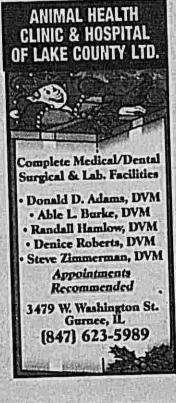
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Home details

Year built: 1958 LR: 27X11 MB: 17X12 DR: 11X10 BR2: 16X10 KIT: 11X9 BR3: 13X10

FR: 18X18

FOY: 9X8 **DEN: 11X8** LDY: 10X7 REC: 16X13 WRK: 16X10 Rooms: 13 Baths: 3.1

BR4: 24X12

2003 taxes: \$6,013

For more information on this home, visit www.realtor.com or call Century 21 United at 847-265-1121.



1303 Lotus **Round Lake Beach** \$154,900

This is a beautiful three-bedroom trilevel home that is freshly painted. The kitchen has oak cabinets with a new furnace and a four-year-old heater. The roof is three years old and the home has new ceiling fans. The basement bath has a nice whirlpool tub as well. A fence surrounds the large back year with a nice 22X16 workshop.

Home details

BR3: 11X10

BR4: 12X20

UTL: 12X13

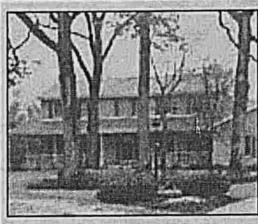
Rooms: 8

Baths: 2

Year built: 1960 LR: 14X24 MB: 14X11 DR: 13X12 BR2: 12X10 KIT: 12X15

2003 taxes: \$1,613

For more information on this home, visit www.realtor.com or call Mark Almodovar at 847-587-8200.



40011 Bartlett Lane Wadsworth \$489,000

This is a four-bedroom, three and a half bath, two-story home on a cul-de-sac. The home sits on a 1.3-acre private lot in a park-like setting with mature trees. There is a formal living room, dining room and family room with a brick fireplace. The master suite has a large whirlpool. There is also a first-floor bedroom with a private bath. The basement is full and unfinished and the backyard is fenced with a brick patio and professional landscaping. Also, there is a two and a half car attached garage and a two-car detached, but heated garage.

Home details

Year built: 1995 FR: 16X14 BR4: 15X14 LR: 16X14 MB: 24X18 EAT: 12X11 LDY: 9X6 DR: 16X13 BR2: 16X13 PTO: 36X18 Rooms: 8 KIT: 12X11 BR3: 15X15 Baths: 3.1

2003 taxes: \$9,400

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Home design keeps it basic

Today's definition of success for women is much different than it was only a generation ago. They have many more opportunities than the women who preceded them. This broad range of options often times brings with it an accelerated lifestyle -one barraged with work schedules and appointments while trying to juggle family life and manage a home. In an effort to maintain a healthy balance among all of these demands, women today are less concerned with status and material objects, and are individually defining what is personally fulfilling for them. For many women, this sense of fulfillment and accomplishment is achieved in the ability to manage both a family and a career.

As a result of trying to "have it all" women are looking for ways to simplify life as much as possible and are turning to resources like Real Simple Magazine and HGTV programs Mission Organization and Weekend Warriors for tips on organization and do-it-yourself home improvement projects. Today's woman is savvy and smart, and wants her home to reflect efficiency and organization without sacrificing style and personal-

Plain & Fancy Custom Cabinetry has embraced this desire for simplification in the home with their latest kitchen concept. Practically Basic. Modern and practical, amenity-studded yet unassuming, the design incorporates a White Frost finish against beautifully textured Beech with a Special Cloister door that's Shaker style. For textural contrast and a light, airy look with symmetry, glass front panels are used just above the sink

and in the island. No slouch on storage, there are built-in wall cabinets with a taller pantry stocked with shelving for grains and flour, and three mobile units - an island and two armoires. These last three offer various configuration options, each piece conveniently moving from one spot to the next. The island provides a generous preparation area, and under-the-counter shelving behind sliding frosted glass doors. Taking flexibility to a new level the mobile armoires can be used in the kitchen as a pantry, the bedroom to house clothing, or the bathroom to stock linens.

In keeping with the organic nature of the space, Vermont Soapstone countertops and Bamtex bamboo flooring complete the picture. Simple and stylish, the Practically Basic kitchen synthesizes the look and feel of "the basics" and "the practical," without being austere and bland.

Vince Achey, vice president of Plain & Fancy Custom Cabinetry, said, "Life has accelerated to such a degree that we look to home as refuge. It's the one place we can maintain a sense of control and balance. Uncluttered, organized, unembellished - these are our watchwords."

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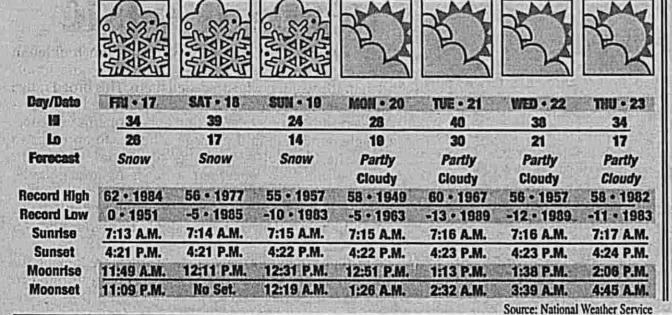
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Carmel entrance exam

On Jan. 8, 2005, at 8:15 a.m., Carmel High School in Mundelein will administer the Entrance Exam for eighth graders who wish to attend Carmel in the fall of 2005. The fee for the exam is \$25.00, and will be collected the day of the exam. There is no need to preregister or pre-pay to take the exam.

Two Exam Scholarships are available. A \$1,000 Freshmen Scholarship will be awarded to each student who scores in the 99th percentile on the exam, and a \$500 Freshmen Scholarship will be awarded to each student who scores in the 98th percentile. Carmel provides free busing to and from the exam from Lake County parishes. Call Carmel High School 847-327-6320 for more information.

Boys, Girls club promotion

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Between now and Dec. 24, customers at all 580-plus Finish Line stores nationwide, and online at www.finishline.com will be invited to donate to the K.I.C.K.S. for Kids campaign (Kindness is Contributing to Kids). The monies raised will help the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lake County and Finish Line Youth Foundation provide sports, fitness and recreation activities for deserving youth.

For more information on the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County, the positive place for kids-call 847-249-4878.

17 seek judge post

Chief Judge Christopher C. Starck announced that 17 attorneys have filed applications for the associate judge vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Judge John G. Radosevich on Nov. 30.

Attorneys seeking the appointment are sole practitioners Martin A. Blumenthal of Highland Park, Mark B. Peavey of Waukegan; and Robert S. Smith Jr. of Deerfield.

Other applicants include: Michael B. Betar of Lindenhurst, an associate in the law offices of Churchill, Baumgartner & Quinn Ltd.; Charles D. Johnson of Buffalo Grove, a partner in the firm of Magna & Johnson; Lawrence LaLuzerne of Vernon Hills, a partner in the firm of Smith & LaLuzerne Ltd.; Jay R. Orlowski of Mundelein, an associate in the law offices of Thomas J. Popovich PC.; Peter M. Schlax of Mundelein, a partner in the firm of Sullivan, Smith, Hauser and Noonan Ltd.; James K. Simonian of Libertyville, an associate in the law offices of Stephen Simonian; and Perry S. Smith Jr. of Libertyville, a partner in the firm of Wysocki and Smith.

Adam Bottner of Buffalo Grove, an assistant attorney general; Charles E. Ex of Deerfield, an assistant U.S. Attorney; and five Lake County Assistant State's Attorneys have also applied; namely, Michael G. Mermel of Antioch, Daniel B. Shanes of Mundelein; George D. Strickland of Riverwoods: Christopher R. Stride of Lake Bluff; and Nancy Schuster Waites of Mundelein.

Housing Authority meetings

During 2005, the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Lake, will be held each third Thursday of the month at the Lake County Housing Authority offices, 33928 N. Route 45, Grayslake.

Meeting dates are: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15. The commissioners gather at noon for lunch and the meeting is called to order when a quorum is present.



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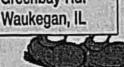


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This lecture will focus on the latest neurological information on autism. Dr. Chez will discuss diagnosis, neuroimaging, genetics, epilepsy and treatment of autistic spectrum disorders. He will also emphasize information from the journal edition of "Seminars in Pediatric Neurology", which he edited. Wed., Jan. 19 from 7-9 p.m. Call 847-535-6112 to register.

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Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is offering a variety of age-appropriate grief support groups in Barrington, Palatine and McHenry. All groups are open to community and hospice families who are grieving the death of a loved one, either through illness or sudden death. Registration fee is \$10 or Hospice of Northeastern Illinois families are

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Adult Loss of a Parent, a support group for people who are grieving the loss of a parent, will meet on Mondays, January 10-February 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Ave., Barrington.

To register for any of the grief support groups offered, called bereavement support services at 847-381-5599.



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer.

We have two kids: a girl who is 4 and a boy who is 1. The problem is that every time our son tries to pick up a toy to play with that was here before he was, our daughter runs over and adamantly tells him it's hers and grabs it away. We want to encourage sharing between the two kids but don,t want to make the older child feel too threatened that nothing belongs to her alone anymore. Are there suggestions you can make so we can resolve this? B.O.T.

Hi B.O.T.,

Yes, I do have some really good suggestions for you that have worked for many of my clients. First, you are right to want them to share but also equally right about needing Hey, that's mine! Teaching kids sharing to protect your daughter's sense of some boundaries for herself. After all, she was ruler of the roost for 3 whole years and then along comes this little person who probably took lots of the attention as well as the toys. That is

hard any way you look at it. There are 3 things I have suggested to other clients in your situation. First off, when your daughter grabs a toy away from your son and runs away saying, 'mine.' Instead of grabbing the toy back and telling her she must share it which will make her feel resentful, ask her instead to teach the baby about the toy. Put her in the position of being in control of the toy and showing her little brother how to use it. That has not only worked wonders in my practice but also in my home. You should see how much pride a child gets when he or she can be a teacher to another child.

It is very important that you don,t belittle the older child and say things like, 'that's a baby toy, why would you want to play with that?' That does not good for bringing peace between the kids and also does not teach sharing. It will also make the older child feel bad and make her hold that toy even harder. I have vivid memories of being a kid a outgrowing my big wheel and being heartbroken over that. Little kids hold onto their love of toys longer

than you think they do and that,s o.k.

Another thing you can do is to take a 'stash' of your daughter's favorite toys and keep them in her 'safe place.' This is a place all her own, in her room, or somewhere else, that has toys that her little brother cannot get to unless she wants him to. This will give her a feeling of security and that not everything of hers is public. This is very important for any child. Do the same for your son when he is old enough.

Having a girl and a boy will resolve this issue someday very well because (not to sound sexist) but most of the time, the play interests really start to split at some point and the girls and boys play with very different things. Then you won,t be calling me about problems with sharing but with 'Mom he won't leave us alone!'

They will fight and they will complain about each other, but when push comes to

shove they will be each other,s greatest strength in the future and if you do it right now, they will treasure each other as you treasure them!

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Make plenty of fruits and vegetables part of your New Year's resolution

As the holidays wind down, it seems the most popular topic of conversation with friends, family and co-workers is how much everyone overate during the season's festivities. With New Year's fast approaching, why not make a healthy deal with yourself to include more fruits and vegetables in your

The vitamins and minerals from fresh fruits and vegetables offer many health benefits. And if you're trying to shed a few post-hol-iday pounds, eating more fruits and vegetables and fewer high-calorie foods is a good place to start.

A recent poll showed that more than 85 percent of consumers are not eating the federally recommended minimum of five servings of produce a day. Part of the problem is that many consumers aren't aware of the dietary recommendations. Still others aren't sure how to fit five a day into their food plan.

One easy way to start is to include some form of produce at each meal. For example, have a banana or an orange with your break-fast. At lunch, have a salad, or pack an apple for dessert. For dinner, make vegetables a prominent part of your menu. Sprinkle in a few healthy snacks like carrot or celery sticks, a pear or an apple, and you've got your five a

Another strategy for getting in the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables is to eat a rainbow - that is, choose produce in a variety of colors every day. Deeply hued fruits and vegetables provide the wide range of vitamins, minerals, fiber, and phytochemicals your body needs to maintain good health and energy levels, protect against the effects of aging, and reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease.

Blue/purple fruits and vegetables like blackberries eggplant and purple grapes contain phytochemicals that help lower the risk of some cancers, maintain urinary tract health and memory function and assist in health

aging.

Green foods such as green apples, avocados, asparagus and broccoli help lower the risks of some cancers, promote vision health and maintain strong bones and teeth.

White produce such as bananas, cauli-

flower, garlic and mushrooms promote heart health, help maintain healthy cholesterol levels and lower the risk of some cancers. Yellow/orange foods such as cantaloupe, grapefruit, oranges and mangoes contribute

to heart and vision health, help maintain a healthy immune system and lower the risk of some cancers. Finally, red produce such as red apples, cherries, beets and red peppers can help maintain heart health and memory function,

lower the risk of some cancers, and keep your

urinary tract healthy. Eating fresh fruits and vegetables is the

best way to get the vitamins, minerals and anti-oxidant benefits. A panel of experts at the American Heart Association has conclude that there is too little evidence to recommend taking antioxidant supplements to reduce the risk of heart disease. Instead, the panel advises the public to get plenty of antioxidants from food

By working in five a day into your daily routine, you'll not only do your body a favor, but if you branch out and try new varieties of produce, you'll be adding color, flavor and diversity to your menus.

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TERESA **OGRING** CARMEL

Carmel senior Teresa Ogrinc stepped up her scoring last Saturday as Carmel defeated Benet Academy for just the second and put on a career-high 23 of 9 from the foul

LARON FRAZIER WAUKEGAN

After a pre-game ceremony introduced him as Waukegan's new all-time leading scorer, Laron Frazier came out time in school his- show. Frazier had tory. She scored a 19 points, including five threepoints, including 9 repointers as the residence Bulldogs defeated visiting New Trier





GIRLS' HOOPS

In a match up between the area's two best teams, Warren and Carmel will hook up in the upcoming Warren Tournament. The Devils feature the backcourt of TK LaFleur and Jessica Bollinger, while the Corsairs feature the area's top guard in Syracuse-bound Jenny Eckhart.

Rob Backus's rankings of area high school teams

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New recruits

High turnout for 8th annual Lake County Football Night



Vernon Hills High School student Andrew Heglund and his dad, Dwight, talk with St. Xavier University assistant football coach Mark Yanule during a Lake County College Football Night at Libertyville High School.

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

's a Wednesday night in early December, and the gym at Libertyville High School is full. But there's no sound of squeaking sneakers on the basketball court.

Also absent is the incessant pounding of the ball on the floor and the raucous cheers of the crowd. Instead, they've been replaced by polite, even subdued conversation, almost like a business convention.

In fact, most participants are there to do business-the business of college football, in which there are buyers and sellers.

The colleges are there to sell their programs to high school seniors, hoping they buy into it. And the athletes are there, selling their talents to the highest bidder, hoping for the ultimate prize, an athletic scholarship, or at least an opportunity to keep playing the game they love.

That's the reason behind the 8th annual Lake County Football Night, held yearly at Libertyville. The event attracts Div. I-AA, Div. II and Div. III colleges from across the Midwest, with 37 schools turning out this year.

"We wanted to provide some additional opportunities for some football players in Lake County to get in touch with D-2 and D-3 schools," said Libertyville head football coach Randy Kuceyeski, who started the event eight years ago.

That may be the only option for most area players who lack the ability, or in the case of Warren senior Anthony Davis, the size to compete at the Div. I level.

"This is a really nice event for the coaches because it reduces their traveling and gives them a chance to meet 125 kids and their parents," said. "Plus the kids can visit 10 schools in a night which gives them a lot of options."

> Randy Kuceyeski Libertyville football coach

"I know I'm undersized, so I'm probably a better fit for D-3," said Davis, who is considering North Park and Carthage College. "But it's a better atmosphere, plus I'll be able to stay close to home. And if I have some friends from school around me it will help keep the

competition up."
Indeed, although football season was over, several athletes who turned out for the event ended up traveling from table to table with teammates, including Warren's Brandon McKinney and AJ Kegg.

"If we end up going to the same school, it's a bonus," said McKinney, who is considering North Park, Milliken and St. Xavier. "No one wants to go to

college alone." Also traveling in a pack was a trio of Wildcats, Libertyville seniors David Romito, Kyle Nader and Greg Larsen. It was less than two weeks after the

team had won the Class 7A state title, and the trio was already thinking about college.

"You have to think about that next step," Larsen said.

He wasn't alone in that feeling as Kuceyeski joked: "I started thinking about next year on the way home on the team bus."

Heck, there were even some juniors at the event, including Libertyville's Michael Culberson-Fehling.

"I'm getting an early start," Culberson-Fehling said. "I want to try to get my name out there as a junior."

His father, Jim, was also enjoying the event.

It's wonderful," Jim Fehling said. "It gives you instant access to 40 different schools. It saves you the trouble of traveling to all of them."

Fehling was just one of several parents making the rounds with their sons, which is beneficial to the schools, according to Augustana defensive coordinator and director of recruiting Joe DeGeorge.

"It really helps speed things along," DeGeorge said. "I'm looking to see the guys I've already seen and meet their parents, and this event gives schools a chance to do that.'

But for other schools, like Carthage College, the event gives them a chance to play catch-up.

"We were in the playoffs Saturday at Mount Union (in Ohio), we got back Sunday and now we're out here trying to catch up," said Carthage head coach Tim Rucks, whose team reached the quarterfinals in the Div. III playoff. "We need to get

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n Nov. 27, the Libertyville High School football team walked off the field at Memorial Stadium in Champaign triumphant, hav-ing just won the Class 7A state

It was a bit different experience the previous day for former Libertyville standout Santino Panico. He, and the rest of his teammates at the University of Nebraska, walked off the field dejected after a loss to Colorado, knowing they were a part of the first Cornhusker team to finish below .500 in three decades.

It was really disappointing," Panico said. "We have some amazing coaches who out out for us and did ar excellent job, but we just didn't jell. The whole team went through an adjustment peri-

Panico had one of the biggest adjustments of anyone, as he was one of the few true freshmen who saw action this season.

Everything was 10 times faster and the players were 10 times bigger," Panico said.

Despite being one of the . youngest members of the team, Panico was the leading punt returner for Nebraska, in addition to seeing some time as a third-down back.

"I was surprised when the coaches sat me down and told me I was going to play," Panico said. "But my expectations of myself are always high. They gave me a chance and I did the best I could."

Although the team sported a losing record, certainly something Panico has never experienced, he still relished the opportunity to play this

"There was an adjustment period, but there's no greater feeling than leaving the locker room, going down the Walk of Champions and stepping out on to the field at Memorial Stadium seeing 80,000 people in red screaming," Panico said. "Plus I was able to get some experience, and with that I saw the field more and more and the game slowed down for me.

Even though the team finished poorly, Panico is excited about the team heading into next season and beyond.

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ANTIOCH



19-0 run does in Sequoits

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

ometimes all the planning in the world just isn't enough for a win, as Antioch coach Don Zeman discovered last Friday in a 67-31 loss to an unbeaten Warren team.

"We tried to get them to keep the ball outside and we were able to do that," Zeman said. "But they were on with their outside shooting."

Warren made three first quarter treys, taking a 17-8 lead after the opening stanza. For the game, the Devils shot 28-53.

However, Antioch did mount several comebacks in the second quarter in an attempt to get back in the game. After Ashley Fain completed a 3-point play, the Sequoits were down just 19-14 with 5:55 left in the first half.

Loren Scarbrough also did her best to keep Antioch in the game, scoring 7 points in the second quarter, but the Devils closed out the half with an 11-5 run to take a 36-25 lead into halftime.

"We were right there," Zeman said. "We were down five in the second quarter, but we also missed five free throws, so we could have closed it even more. Our effort and execution in the first half was solid. It was our best half of the season."

Unfortunately, it was all downhill from there as the Devils opened up the third quarter with a 19-0 run to take a 55-25 lead with 3:17 left in the period. In fact, a free throw from Angie Axton was the only point the Sequoits would manage all quarter.

"They came out with the intensity to put the game away early in the second half and not let us hang around," said Zeman, whose team was outscored 31-6 in the second half. "That's what good teams do."

Loren Scarbrough scored 11 points to lead Antioch, while Fain and Holly Roberts each added 6 points. As a team, the Sequoits shot just 9 of 37 from the field.

"We're just stagnant on offense right now," Zeman said.

That stagnation carried over into Tuesday night's game, a 40-22 loss to Stevenson. Antioch shot just 7 of 41 from the field as Fain's

five free throws led the team.

"We played an excellent defensive game,"

Zeman said. "We held them to just 11 field goals, but we only had seven ourselves."

Despite the loss, which dropped his team's record to 2-8 overall and 0-3 in the NSC Lake division, Zeman is convinced his team is heading in the right direction.

"We're making steps and playing a little better each game," Zeman said. "If our shooting would catch up to our defense we'd be in much better shape."

Antioch will search for its third win of the season when the team hosts Libertyville on Dec. 16 before competing in the McHenry Invitational next week.

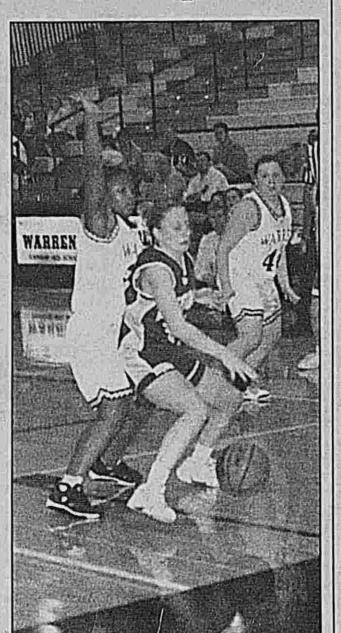


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Antioch Community High School's Gina Florian dribbles along the baseline in a 67-31 loss to Warren last Saturday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Antioch improved to 2-6 overall with a 57-39 NSC crossover win over Wauconda last Saturday. The Sequoits used 7 of 11 shooting, including three three-pointers from Alex McKenzie (15 points) to take a 17-6 lead after the opening 8 minutes.

"We set the tone early," Antioch coach Tom Duffy said. "The roles were reversed. We're usually chasing our opponent, but they had to chase us."

Chandler Kent led the Sequoits with a game-high 17 points, including a pair of treys, while Sean Hertz chipped in with

But it was the defense Duffy was most impressed with following the game.

"We spent some more time on defense this week and it showed," Duffy said. "Plus we wanted to hold them to one shot or less and we did. We out-rebounded someone for the first time this season.

The fact that his team has won two of their last three games gives Duffy confidence heading into the Glenbard West Tournament next week.

"We have enough people willing to do what I ask," Duffy said. "There's 12 positive kids on this team."

CARMEL



Corsairs hang tough in loss

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

n paper, Tuesday night's match up between Stevenson on Carmel was no contest. After all, the Pats were coming in unbeaten and had an advantage over the Corsairs in every conceivable catego-

However, no one bothered to tell Carmel, which kept coming and coming at Stevenson before the Pats managed to pull out a 48-41 victory

"We did everything we should do to put ourselves in a position to win," Cannel coach Jon Baffico said. "The second phase of learning how to win is learning how to win. We haven't really been in that position yet, but the last few games it's looked like we're ready to get into that next phase."

The game was ugly early, as Carmel held just a 7-6 lead after the opening 8 minutes, which featured almost as many turnovers as missed shots.

After Stevenson opened up the second quarter with a 10-3 run to take 16-10 lead, the Pats appeared to be off and running. But the Corsairs stormed right back with 6 straight points, tying the game on a layup from Robert Brodarick with 3:01 left in the first half.

With the Pats up 24-18 with under a minute left until halftime, Greg Lyons put back a rebound and Greg Schuda hit a pair of free throws with no time left to cut the lead to 24-22.

"We were so juiced at the half," senior Scott Passolt said. "But we weren't satisfied. We wanted to go out and get the win."

It was Passolt's efforts, with 16 second-half points, that kept Carmel in the game, but it wasn't to be as the Pats held on down the stretch.

"It felt good to be in that zone, but it would have felt better if we had gotten the win," said Passolt, who finished with a game-high 22 points, including 4 three pointers. "I'm proud of our effort, but we're still dying for that first

In fact it was the team's unbridled enthusiasm that may have contributed to the loss, according to Baffico.

"We were a little to excited," Baffico said.
"Every time we made a stop and got in the open floor, we'd turn the ball over."

Carmel also had a chance to win last Friday against St. Viator, trailing just 40-34 with 2:30 left in the game. However, the Corsairs fell short, losing 46-34.

"We had a never-say-die attitude, but we couldn't pull it off," said Baffico, whose team overcame a 35-17 third quarter deficit. "But we're getting closer."

Passolt led Carmel with 16 points while Sean Kane added 10. However, the team lost handily the next night to St. Joseph 70-34. Sean McGrath led the Corsairs with 9 points.

Carmel (0-8, 0-3 ESCC) will attempt to get its first win when the team begins play in the Wheeling Invitational Dec. 22.



Carmel's Paul Lyons sets a pick, while Curtis Robinson drives with the ball. Carmel was defeated by Stevenson 48-41.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Last year, for the first time in school history, Carmel walked off the court victorious against Benet. And last Saturday provided another first for the Corsairs as they defeated the Redwings on their own court for the first time, 47-38.

"It was a tough, physical game, but we were able to win," Carmel coach John Ryan said. "Our defense wore them out. It has a cumulative effect. Later in the game, shots that were falling early aren't going to fall because their legs are weary."

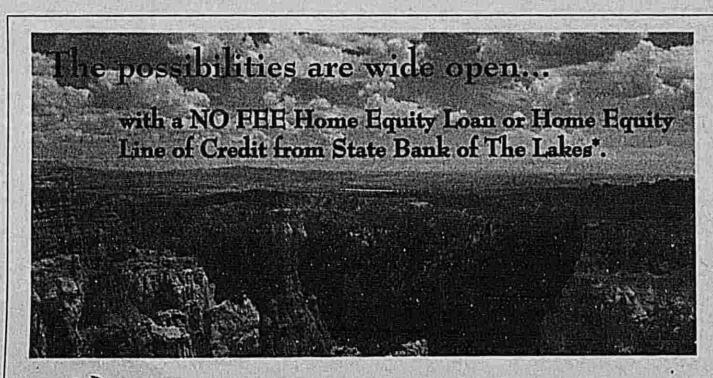
Teresa Ogrinc led the Corsairs with a career-high 23 points, including 9 of 9 from the charity stripe, as the Corsairs overcame a 23-20 halftime deficit.

"She does so many good things for us,"
Ryan said. "She rebounds, defends and she's a
leader. She just came out aggressively on
offense and picked us up because Jenny
(Eckhart) had an off game."

Eckhart, the team's leading scorer, was held to just 10 points, although she did connect on 4 of 4 free throw attempts in the fourth quarter. Jill Scudder added 10 points as well for the Corsairs (7-2, 2-0 ESCC).

Carmel will face perhaps its toughest test of the year next week when the team competes in the Warren Holiday Tournament, which features Grayslake, Lake Forest and the Devils, arguably the area's top team.

"I'm pleased with where we're at right now," Ryan said. "Maybe we won't have as good a record as last year, but we'll be more battle-tested for the postseason because of our tough schedule."



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Bulldogs hold on for win

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

he gym that has seen Michael Jordan (the real thing) and Elvis Presley (an impersonator) saw the real thing when it came down to a hard-fought game between Grant and Mundelein.

Grant gained the .500 mark with a 59-58 win thanks to several factors going its way. They included a 29-point effort From Eric Lostroscio, tenacious defense in the final 30 seconds, overcoming Jake Gabbler of Mundelein's ability to take over a game a times, and some determination from Grant's biggest player, 6-3 junior center Rick Gaylor.

Gaylor's block of a Mundelein shot was one of the key plays.

"We had gotten on him during the junior varsity game Saturday morning. He wanted to jump up and try and block a shot, but at 6-5, 250, you don't have to do that," Ralston said. "He was going on the head fake, when he did not need to, they would have to shoot it over

Gaylor listened well and the Bulldogs emerged with the win. He also had three points.

"The emphasis was to deny Gaebler the ball. His trey was an integral part of their comeback. We wanted someone else to try and beat us," Ralston said.

For Lostroscio, a senior three-sport athlete, he prefers a slashing move for two for a high-percentage point rather than the outside

"It is the defense that wins champions. Our goal is to play in the sectional," he said. "We played defense well, and mistakes will kill

A tip-in by Matt Tye started a Mundelein comeback after Grant had gained a five-point lead, 52-47, with 5:12 left. Gaebler hit two jumpers for a two-point MHS lead at 56-54 and the back-and-forth battle was on.

Lostroscio drove to the hoop for two for

Grant's final basket.

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'Eric had a career night and we are very proud of the effort he had," Ralston said.

Grant is at the Hampshire Christmas tournament, a change for the Bulldogs. The tourney is Dec. 27-30, with Grant opening with the home team Dec. 27.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The halftime score was the final score for Round Lake's girls basketball team as it was

overmatched by Grant. The Bulldogs won the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division clash 54-13 by

posting a shutout in the entire second half. "We played good defense. Our defense has been improving, but we have a lot of work to

do," said Grant coach Tom Oeffling. Becka Gonyo and Danielle Eiler had 14 points each and Ashley Arff added seven. The

starters saw limited minutes. "It was good to see everyone play, It

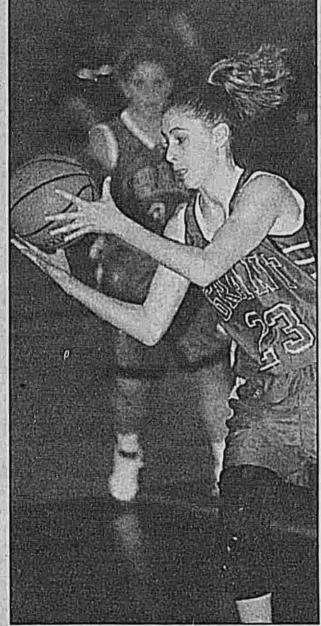


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Grant Community High School's Jackle Fagan grabs a pass during a 54-13 win over Round Lake. WEST IN DE AS ING LAID

need to work on," Oeffling said.

Grant gained a better than .500 record at 5-4 overall with the win.

Grant is at the McHenry tournament with two games on Dec. 18. They face Cary-Grove at 9 a.m. and Prairie Ridge at 1:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Grant High's wrestling team knocked off neighbor Round Lake 56-19 in a division battle, but Grant coach Ryan Geist knows that the Bulldogs were in a tougher match than the final would indicate.

"Round Lake has some great wrestlers. Coach John Jobst does a great job. Traditionally, they always push us. Right now, we have a few more talented kids, but their effort was there and know that they have a

battle," Geist said. Mike Nixon finished the win on a strong note for Grant, winning at 189. Nixon hopes to have the same type of season as last year's standout at the weight class, T.J. Markewicz. Nixon gained some 189-pound experience last year.

"Mike has been a great surprise," Geist said.

Grant pulled out a 41-21 win over Rolling Meadows at the Woodstock quad.

GRAYS LAKE



Washington, Centella lead Rams

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

rayslake coach Tim Bowen was convinced that Elias Washington had a soft shooting touch and the junior forward proved that last Friday in a 67-58 win over Jacobs.

Washington led Grayslake with 26 points, including three big three pointers in the third quarter, as the Golden Eagles were staging a comeback.

"I knew he had a good outside shot," Bowen said. "He has the green light to shoot if he's open and he made his shots tonight."

The Rams held a 15-5 lead after the first quarter and a 26-19 advantage at halftime, but Jacobs managed to cut the lead to 36-35 with just over 3 minutes left in the third quarter before Washington took over.

"They came out with the press in the third quarter and we had some turnovers," Bowen said. "But we played smart and hard. We took care of the ball and made our shots."

Brian Centella was his usual consistent self, scoring 20 points for the Rams (4-4).

"Brian did his usual thing for us," Bowen said. "And our defense was pretty good. We had some great composure against their pressure defense."

After the Rams opened the season with a tough stretch as part of the Lake-Cook Shootout, the team will face another one next week when they compete in the Normal Tournament.

"I told the kids at the beginning of the year that we would face three tough stretches and here comes another one," Bowen said. "We just need to continue to be patient on offense. The defense has picked up lately but it still needs to improve. We know we're not perfect, we just don't want breakdowns."

Despite sitting at just 4-4, Bowen his still pleased with the way his team has played so

"It's already been a ton more fun this year," Bowen said. "The guys are playing so hard and there's a ton of camaraderie.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

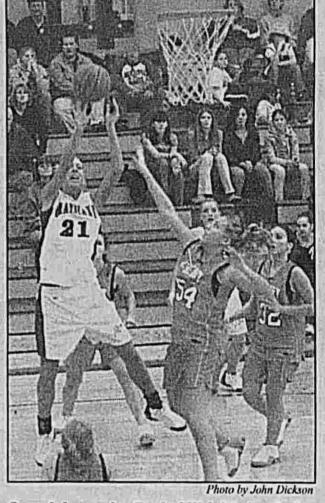
The young Grayslake girls hoops team continued its early season struggles with a 66-51 loss to McHenry last Saturday. The loss dropped the Rams' record to 0-8 on the sea-

"We're riding that wave of youth right now," Grayslake coach Mike Hirsch said. "We're still searching for consistent effort. It's been up and down like any young team."

Kara Ming led Grayslake with 10 points, while Haley Glynn chipped in with 8. "Girls like Haley Glynn and Rachel Culp

are starting to get more pieces of what we're doing," Hirsch said. "But there's still so much to teach. We're starting to do some good things, and hopefully some results will fol-

The Rams will compete in the tough Warren Holiday Tournament next week against the Devils, Carmel and Lake Forest, three of the area's top teams.



Grayslake senior Rachel Wright shoots for two during the Rams' game against McHenry High School.

WRESTLING

Grayslake coach Steve Wood knew last week would be a tough test for the Rams, unfortunately Grayslake lost both of its dual meets to a pair of tough Fox Valley Conference

The Rams fell to Cary-Grove 42-31 despite wins from David Pritchett (112 pounds), Jerry Baumgartner (119), Drew Spencer (140), Eric Rohde (189), David Quedens (215) and Marvin Mantras (275).

"We wrestled pretty well," Wood said. "We had our opportunities, we just didn't come through."

The Rams also fell to Jacobs 30-25, as Baumgartner, Travis Atkins (130), Matt Simon (171), Rohde, Quedens and Mantras all won.

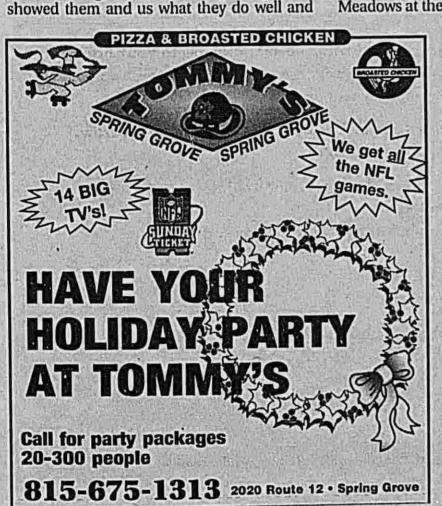
"We knew going in that there were three swing matches, Dane Lund (119), Curran Allenstein (125) and Spencer," Wood said. "If we had won any of those three we would have won but we didn't."

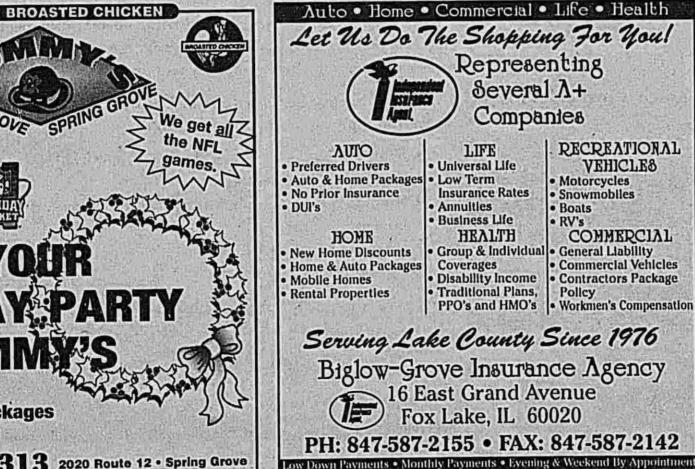
Grayslake was able to bounce back the next day to finish 4th in a tough Wheeling Tourney. Quedens won the title at 275 pounds, and Lund, Allenstein and Simon all finished second.

David wrestled an unbelievable tournament," Wood said, "It was his first tournament title. And Dane, Curran and Matt all wrested pretty well."

A fourth place finish was about what Wood expected.

"Before the meet we always set our goals and we thought we had an outside chance for third," Wood said. "But fourth was where we belonged. Things went as planned."







LIBERTYVILLE

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Cats topple Mundelein

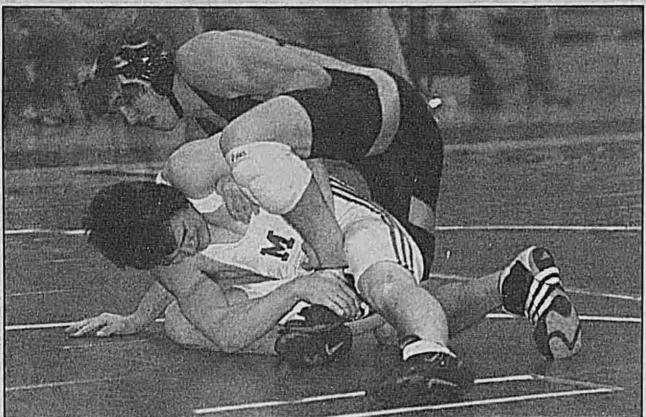


Photo by John Dickson

Libertyville senior David Paramski fights to put Mundelein Junior Joe Winberg down to the mat during the wrestling match at Mundelein High School.

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

hile Mundelein's wrestling team was dealing with several personnel losses in their match-up with Libertyville Dec. 10, they weren't the only ones.

The Wildcats also came into the match short-handed due to several injuries to veteran contributors.

The team was missing their starters at 135, 152 and 160 pounds due to injury in the North Suburban Conference Lake Division matchup, which the Wildcats won 49-22.

That led to a few varsity newcomers on the mat against the Mustangs, beginning with freshman Joey Callen, who opened up the match against Mundelein's experienced senior captain Will McDermott in the 135-pound category

Callen stayed up for most of the first two periods but, with 11 seconds to go in the second, McDermott made his move and got the pin to put the Mustangs up 6-0.

The Wildcats (8-1, 2-0) were able to respond, however, with two of their core seniors picking up big wins.

First, 140-pound senior Dave Paramski shut down Mundelein's Joe Winberg for a 16-0

win.

Senior 145-pounder Jeff Keske followed that up with a quick pin of junior Jason Hensgen at the 2:16 mark to give the Wildcats

an 11-6 lead.

Both Keske (13-0) and Paramski (12-0) remain undefeated on the season.

But the Mustangs (0-2) took advantage of Libertyville's injury problems, coming back with wins in the 152- and 160-pound categories to go up 14-11.

Eggert admitted he was a bit nervous at

that point in the match.

"We could have won at (152 pounds) and we could have won at (160) had we had our starters in there," he said. "We lose those two matches early and it was scary, because (Mundelein has) some pretty decent guys."

The Wildcats responded to the early deficit, as 171-pounder Nick Morrissey came back and pinned the Mustangs Vinnie Sapienza to give Libertyville the lead for good.

189-pounder Simon Bortz followed his teammate's strong performance with a pin of his own, over Mundelein's Joe Zavatsky with 19 seconds to go in the third period.

Eggert cited Bortz's performance as the most important of the match.

"I would say (189) was the turning point," he said. "(Zavatsky) beat our guy last year, not only beat him but pinned him. That was the swing right there."

Senior heavyweight Jack Danilkowicz also notched a pin for the Wildcats, followed by 12 easy points for Libertyville in the 103- and 112-pound matches, in which Mundelein did not field wrestlers.

Libertyville followed up that win with victories over Hersey (40-22), Dundee-Crown (32-31) and Belvidere (46-28) Dec. 11 at the Dundee-Crown Quad.

The Wildcats will next take on Warren Dec. 17 in conference play, which Eggert said would be a big test for his squad.

"They've got some really good guys and we've really got to get ready," he said.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Libertyville girls basketball team had a tough week, facing off with two of the stronger teams in the NSC Lake.

They lost to Mundelein 57-49 Dec. 10, then to Warren 55-29 Dec. 14.

Injuries cost Mustangs

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

he Mundelein wrestlers have suffered losses in more ways than one so far in the young season.

The first came before a single match took place, when senior 103-pounder and former state-qualifier Tim Johnson decided to forego his final year of wrestling to focus on soccer.

Another key component to last season's 19-2 team also recently opted to concentrate on another sport. Mustangs head coach Tom Buenik said senior 152-pound state-qualifier Kevin Sashko, who went 36-6 last season, has left the mats in order to rehabilitate a knee injury in preparation for the spring baseball season.

That has left Mundelein young and a bit depleted, but Buenik said his squad can't use that as an excuse.

"We go to war with what we've got," he

The Mustangs did just that against Libertyville in North Suburban Conference Lake Division action Dec. 10, hanging tough with the Wildcats for much of the match.

But two empty slots for Mundelein at 103 and 112 pounds gave Libertyville 12 free points and the Mustangs came up short, losing 49-21.

Buenik said the vacancies at the top of the order would not be filled anytime soon.

"We only have one 103-pounder in the program and he weighs 83 pounds as a freshman," he said. "So next year hopefully he'll be around 103."

The Mustangs (0-2) did get some solid performances from those who were available to wrestle. Senior 135-pounder Will McDermott opened the match with a pin of freshman Joey Callen at the 5:49 mark to give Mundelein a 6-0 lead.

Libertyville (8-1, 2-0) answered with wins in the 140- and 145-pound categories to go up 11-6, but Mundelein 152-pound senior Travis Stein came up with a big 18-8 win over Justin Martin to put the Mustangs up 14-11

The Wildcats, however, followed that up with two more wins at 152 pounds and 160 pounds.

After Mundelein 215-pound senior Mike Avalos downed Alex Petraroli with a technical fall, to pull his team back within four, Libertyville came back with a huge win in the heavyweight category, as Wildcats senior Jack Danilkowicz pinned senior Mike Avalos.

On top of the heavyweight points, Libertyville also received points from the 103and 112-pound categories to put the match out of reach at 41-19.

Buenik cited the heavyweight loss as the

turning point of the match.

"You could see that (Libertyville) came alive," he said. "If we get six there, the dual

meet's tight."

Buenik added that, with a young team that

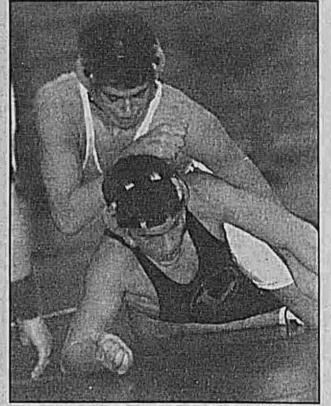


Photo by John Dickson

Will McDermott, senior captain of the Mundelein wrestling team, bears down on Libertyville High School's Joey Callen, eventually pinning Callen.

is somewhat shorthanded, he just wants to see his wrestlers "get better every week."

"Some kids came out with some big wins for us today and we had some kids we were expecting a little bit more out of," he said. "But it doesn't always go your way."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Grant reached the .500 mark and Mundelein sank three games under with a 59-58 home loss to the Bulldogs

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Lostroscio, tenacious defense in the final 30 seconds, overcoming Jake Gaebler's ability to take over a game a times, and some determination from Grant's biggest player, 6-3 junior center Rick Gaylor, were the themes of the night.

"The emphasis was to deny Gaebler the ball," Grant head coach Phil Ralston said. "We wanted someone else to try and beat us."

A tip-in by Matt Tye started a Mundelein comeback after Grant had gained a five-point lead, 52-47, with 5:125 left. Gaebler hit two jumpers for a two-point MHS lead at 56-54 and the see-saw type of battle was on.

Lostroscio drove to the hoop for two for Grant's final basket.

Grant's final basket.

Grant had a 16-5 edge in free throws, although it struggled in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs had to survive five missed free throws and scoring their last point with 55 seconds left on a Gaylor free throw.

"It is very disappointing in the way we prepared," Mundelein head coach Dick Knar said.
"We did not come out and play solid defense.
The biggest thing that we are talking about as a coaching staff is that we are not communicating well at all. Until we do that, we will have a tough time."

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By Steve Peterson Sports Reporter

ound Lake's boys basketball team struggled against one of the area's best, losing to Warren 59-25 in nonconference play.

Junior Brian Mendralla scored eight points to lead the Panthers on three field goals and two free throws.

John Paulsen added six points.

Round Lake trailed 35-7 at halftime and the second half featured a continuous clock due to the 30-point rule. Warren (6-0) was led by 13 points from Jon Heneghan with three three-pointers and Marcus Lewis, Marvin Bembry added 10 for the winners. Warren hit the Panthers hard from beyond the arc, with four three-pointers.

"We gave them some problems the first few minutes of the first half, before they settled down, but they (Warren) were quite gentlemen about it and did not humiliate us, and I thank them for that," said RL Coach Mark Petrynek. "We played well, but then went back to the age-old mistakes of dribbling against the press. Warren deserves its rating."

Round Lake worked on that in practice, according to Petrynek. "I filled a basketball full of sand. The only way they could break a press with that is to pass it. It worked for a while, but after a few tries after the old basketball was brought back, then they went back to their old ways," he said.

Petrynek and the coaching staff remind themselves that only two players had varsity experience last year and only two went to summer camp.

Facing some of Warren's inside players opened up some eyes for the Panthers. It

One promising frosh has been moved up to the sophomores.

Round Lake also lost to Grant, 46-23,

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The Panthers are still searching for their first win, hoping it will come with an upset at North Chicago Dec. 17. Round Lake is at the Jacobs tournament Dec. 18, 20-23. It will be a reunion of sorts for Petrynek, who will catch up with his old Bartlett players.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After back-to-back games being held in the teens, Round Lake's girls basketball team wished to take some strides at the Woodstock-Richmond-Burton Holiday Classic.

The Panthers accomplished just that in a 48-27 loss to Marengo. The Panthers had lost 54-13 to Grant in a shutout second half and fell 54-19 in the first tournament game to Kaneland.

"We did much better against their manto-man. We saw good, positive things," said

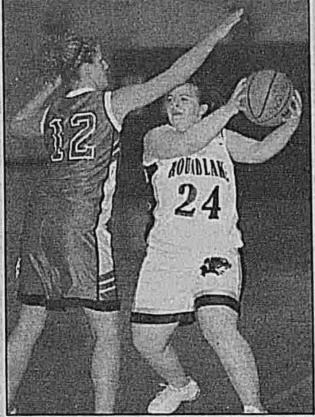


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Round Lake High School's Lisa Walsh attempts to get a pass by Grant's Sonja Cellucci during a 54-13 home game loss for the Panthers.

Round Lake coach Gary Edge after the Marengo game. "It is all about getting better." "We were more determined," said Sandrea

Smith, a junior forward.

Smith led the Panthers with 8 points against Marengo. Center Julia Johnson added 6.

Both teams could mention the phrase, "we're our own worst enemy" on Monday. For Round Lake, it was turnovers, for Marengo, 12 missed free throws.

Round Lake opened the second half down

brought home the need for commitment to 28-8 but did not let the score bother them.

Sophomore Stephanie Morse (3 points)
Petrynek would like to keep the sophomores together as a team so that they can grow and be competitive in a couple of years.

One promise of the fact that they are the second flat down the second flat d steady Round Lake defense.

> Smith and Johnson hit back-to-back baskets to end the third quarter with a 34-17 deficit. Could the Panthers pull off the upset?

> Marengo extended the lead to 39-17 to put those thoughts to rest, but the Panthers kept on trying. Freshman Brittany Kucia picked up a loose ball and went in for a lay-up and also had an assist on one of two Smith hoops to close the game.

> Round Lake, 0-12, lost to Kaneland 54-19 with a shutout quarter, Morse had 11 points to lead the Panthers, including a three-pointer.

Senior Lauren Fisher had five points against Grant and three others had two points

Antioch used a 17-4 third quarter run to down Round Lake 47-16 earlier. Walsh had five points.

Round Lake also played Johnsburg, and Richmond-Burton at the tourney. The game against R-B is 1:15 p.m. Dec. 18 at Woodstock

Panthers fall to Warren Turnovers cost Cougars



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Thomas Rams of Vernon Hills High School struggles against a Highland Park High School wrestler during a quad match at home.

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

ernon Hills girls head basketball Paul Brettner acknowledged that Zion-Benton's 6-foot senior guard/forward Lacey Simpson is a fun player to watch.

Just not when she's playing against the

Cougars. After a rough first half in which she shot 3 of 14 from the field, Simpson came to life after halftime to lead the Zee-Bees to a 56-23 win over Vernon Hills (0-10) in North Suburban

Conference Prairie Division play Dec. 14. "She's a real special player," Brettner said of Simpson. "She makes everybody on (Zion-Benton) fantastic. She makes everybody a threat. It's just amazing. They're a good bunch of players anyway but she just elevates them

so much." Simpson finished with 18 points and seven assists on the night and, along with sophomore forward Keisha Moore (14 points), led the Zee-Bees on a 14-0 run to open the third quarter.

The rally put the Cougars behind 36-6 and they never recovered.

Vernon Hills was finally able to get some points on the board with just over three minutes to go in the third, going on an 8-4 run. But it proved to be too little too late, as Zion-Benton took a 40-14 lead into the fourth quarter and cruised to the finish line.

Brettner said the Cougars struggled offensively due to rushed shots and numerous

But, he added, he has faith that his young squad, which suits up only two seniors, will come around.

"Sooner or later we're going to become experienced," he said. "Then I think we've got a shot at being a pretty decent team. But until we start playing a little bit smarter on the offensive end, we won't get the looks that we

The Zee-Bees implied constant pressure in the form of a game-long full-court press that caused the Cougars to turn the ball over 39 times in the game.

Despite those offensive struggles, Vernon Hills managed to hang with Zion-Benton for much of the first half.

The Cougars were down 8-2 at the end of an ultra low-scoring first quarter, then fell behind 22-6 heading into halftime.

Again, Brettner said excessive turnovers were to blame.

"We had 24 turnovers in first half," he said. "We were lucky (Zion-Benton) only scored 22 with all of those turnovers. Our problem all year long has been that we can't take care of the basketball."

Senior center Stephanie Hebda led the Cougars will eight points against the Zee-Bees, while sophomore forward Yeh-Eun Jin added

Vernon Hills junior point guard Alyssa Wilson also took the court for the first time this season after nursing a knee injury through the first nine games.

Brettner said the energetic floor general would bring a much-needed new dimension

"She's definitely something we've been missing," he said. "If we had her the whole time, I think we'd be a much better team. She had a little rust but overall (she was) real impressive and hopefully she can stay back."

Vernon Hills will next host NSC Prairie opponent Wauconda on Saturday, Dec. 18.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Vernon Hills boys head basketball coach Matt McCarty said his team spent the days leading up to their game against Lake Forest preparing for the Scouts' twin towers-6-10 Dan Elms and 6-9 Will Coffin.

The Cougars accomplished that mission in the NSC crossover game Dec. 11, holding the lanky tandem to two points aplece.

But while Vernon Hills succeeded in limiting the points in the paint, beyond the arc it was a different story.

Senior guard Ryan Paxson knocked down five threes and notched 27 points for the Scouts, who won 54-36.

"We knew (Paxson) was a shooter and we knew what he was capable of and he hit some really tough shots," McCarty said. "You just kind of have to tip your hat to him."

The Cougars followed that game up with a 50-29 loss to Buffalo Grove Dec. 14. They next take on Zion-Benton Friday, Dec. 17.

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Devils run past Antioch

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Warren coach Stanczykiewicz is thankful for his team's speed and intensity, sometimes it can be a bad thing, as his team found out last Friday against Antioch.

"We played too fast in the first half," Stanczykiewicz said. "We played a little out of control. We wanted to jump on them so hard that we made mistakes and Antioch made us pay for them."

Fortunately for the Devils, the team was able to regain control, parlaying a 19-0 third quarter run into a 67-31 win over the visiting

Warren got going early from the threepoint line as TK LaFleur (16 points, 5 rebounds), Jessica Bollinger (14 points, 4 assists) and Alex Leach all hit first quarter treys to give the Devils a 17-8 lead after the opening 8 minutes.

However, Antioch went on a 6-0 run, culminating with a 3-point play from Ashley Fain, to cut the lead to 19-14 with 5:55 left in the half. That's when Alex Leach decided to take over, scoring 8 of her 14 points to give Warren •2/36-25 lead at the half.

"I came out trying to concentrate on my defense," said Leach, who also finished with 6 rebounds and 4 steals. "I just let my offense come to me."

Offense started coming to the rest of the team to open the third quarter. Leach, Bollinger, LaFleur and Sarah Boothe (13 points, 2 blocks) all got in the act to key the 19-0 run as Warren jumped out to a 55-25 lead. A free throw from Angie Axton with 2:27 left in the third quarter finally stopped the bleeding for Antioch, but the damage was done.

"We were frustrated at the half because we all knew we could play better," Leach said. "But that's the thing about us. We might play sloppy in the first half, but we'll come back in the second half."

Warren overcame some early shooting woes to shoot 28 of 53 from the field, while holding Antioch to just 9 of 37 shooting. The Devils also had 16 steals and dished out 21 assists, while the Sequoits had just two.

"We had some really good ball movement," Leach said.

The team added another win Tuesday night with a 55-29 drubbing of Libertyville. LaFleur (13 points), Bollinger (11 points), Alex Leach (10 points) and Boothe (10 points) keyed the victory.

The win improved Warren's record to 8-0, including a perfect 3-0 mark in the NSC Lake division.

"We want to run the table in the Lake and win back-to-back titles," Leach said.

The Devils will attempt to move one step closer to that goal when they travel to Lake Forest Dec. 18 to take on Kristin Cartwright and the rest of the Scouts.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Warren continued its unbeaten start to the season, defeating Round Lake 59-35 in an NSC



Photo by Steve Young

Warren Township High School's TK LaFleur drives past Antioch's Holly Roberts in a 67-31 win over the Sequoits last Saturday.

crossover match up last Saturday.

"We played good defense and everyone played well together," Warren coach Chuck Ramsey said. "Jon (Heneghan) had a nice ball game and Marcus (Lewis) and Marvin (Bembry) were consistent."

Heneghan led the Devils, along with Lewis, with 13 points apiece. Bembry chipped in with 10.

"It was a pretty one-sided game so everyone got a chance to play," said Ramsey, whose team improved to 6-0 with the win.

The Devils face a pair of tough tests this weekend when they take on Libertyville Dec.

17 before facing Palatine Dec. 18. "Libertyville is an explosive team and Palatine is a real strong defensive team that

tries to control the tempo," Ramsey said.

After that Warren will travel downstate to compete in the always tough Pontiac Tournament over holiday break. The Devils will face top competition at the tourney, including West Aurora, Simeon, Bloomington, Oak Park River Forest, Danville and Peoria Manuel. The team's best finish is 5th place.

WAUCONDA



Bulldogs off and rolling

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

auconda High's wrestling team prepared the best it could for a showdown with defending NSC Champion Grant.

Wauconda posted a 7-3 record in dual meets prior to the battle of the Bulldogs. Wauconda earned a 46-30 win over Carmel, shutout Johnsburg and beat Richmond-Burton and Zion-Benton.

"We expected to gain a few wins this week and we did. The Carmel match was not as tough as we thought. A key is having Tom O'Driscoll weigh in at 130 and go 135, then Neal Swanson can weigh in at 135 and go 140 and Nick Swanson can weigh in at 125 and go 130," WHS coach Tom Nance said.

The three all gained wins against Carmel. Nick Swanson won by pin over Alex Giarranter in 1:53, O'Driscoll won a decision over Mike Berrones 12-2 and Neal Swanson pinned Joe Schnur in 1:57.

Carmel won three straight before Josh Eckmann gained the next Wauconda win, by pin over Peter Maus in 1:04; Andrew Baker won at 189 by pin over Joe Rejc in 3:00 and senior Eric Madsen's win at 3:19 in a pin over Jerry Roof sealed the win.

"Eric saw some time in varsity and JV last year," Nance said.

Derek Lovell at 103 won by pin for Wauconda over John Oliva in 2:58.

Wauconda is at the Glenbrook South meet Dec. 17-18 before hosting Lake Forest in a meet over winter break at 10 a.m. Dec. 30.

BOYS BASKETBALL

After holding a high-flying Zion offense to 50 points, Wauconda had too many lapses on defense and suffered a eight-point loss to

Wauconda, 2-4 overall, is seeking its second win of the young season against Grant Dec. 17. The clash of the Bulldogs will be at 7:30 p.m. in Fox Lake. Wauconda won 48-47 on a last-second basket by Kris Gerhke the first

"I was really disappointed with our effort against Antioch. Antioch had some wide-open threes because we did not communicate well," Wauconda coach Rich Wolf said.

Antioch's Sean Hertz had 12 points, team leader Chandler Kent had 17 and Alex McKenzie added 15 for the Sequoits, who had five three-pointers in the 57-39 win.

Hawk Haiduke had 10 points, Jay Grooms had 9 and Jason Karels 8. WHS trailed 17-6 after one, but played a better second quarter for a 12-12 tie. WHS held a slight edge in free throws, 9-8.

"Teams will gain confidence against us until we play tougher. We held Zion to 44 points until the end when we had to foul. We controlled the tempo of the game," Wolf said.

"The Grant game is a very big game for us, because we can be 2-1 in the division," Wolf said.

WHS goes right back at it the next day, at the Jacobs tournament in Algonquin.

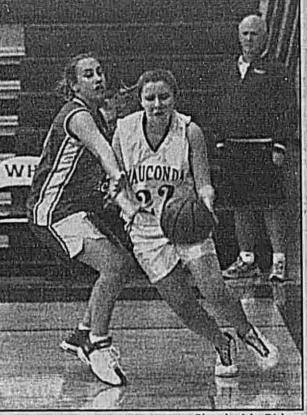


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Wauconda Bulldog, Patrice DaCosta breaks through an opening and heads in an to make a basket while playing against Woodlands Academy in the Wauconda High School 2004 Varsity **Basketball Holiday Tournament.**

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Although they faced University of Illinoisbound Lacey Simpson of Zion-Benton, it was 164 a good week for the Wauconda girls basketball

The Bulldogs beat Round Lake then downed Elgin Academy to start their own holiday tournament. WHS is off to a 2-6 start on the season. the season.

Senior Krista Llewellyn scored one third of GO Wauconda's 30 points in a 30-15 win over Woodlands, all coming in the first half.

"The tournament is a good confidence" booster for us. We usually win two or three games," Llewellyn said. "Playing the No. 2 guard slot, I knew I had to be more of a dribler this year. On defense, I learned how to antici-

Coach Tim Bartusch is pleased with Llewellyn's progress this year. "She is very unselfish player. She has gained more confidence in her shot."

Wauconda received steady efforts from Jessie Middlesworth's six points and Kirsten Kraus had four points despite an injury and sophomore Patrice DeCosta also had four.

Wauconda led 17-6 by halftime and allowed the Wildcats just one third-quarter

"I thought we had a better effort in the second half. The second half, we stepped it up on defense.

The Simpson-led Zee-Bees clubbed Wauconda 53-24.

"We did a pretty good job against her, especially on the perimeter. But inside, she does things that are very hard for us to prac-19713 tice for," Bartusch said. "She is tough to stop."

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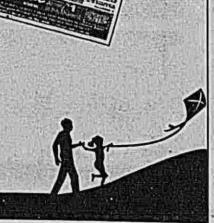


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Vega comes up big late in win Lancers idle for winter break

By Nicholas Alajakis

Sports Reporterr

ith his team up two with less than a minute remaining against conference-foe New Trier, junior point guard Ben Vega got the ball and took off toward the basket. Vega drove right, faked inside and went around a defender for an easy lay-up and a foul.

A free throw made it 48-43 Bulldogs. From there the team would cruise to a 52-45 victory, as Vega would add two more points. And while his off-the-bench heroics were the turning point in the game, Vega insists the credit goes to his teammates.

If it wasn't for teammates like Laron Frazier and Emanuel Gaiter, who draw constant attention from opponents, Vega doubts that he'd be able to do his job.

"With Gaiter being a really good player he has double teams and triple teams all the time, so that gives me a chance to get to the basket," Vega said after the game, while being mobbed by fans.

Vega's coach, however, said he deserves more credit than he's giving himself.

"Ben is a kind of player that in a big moment he can really come up with 'the' play," said Coach Brian Colbert. "He has the ability under pressure that he'll come up with something big. (I'm) very proud of what he did. You know that was the turning point the game."

A turning point was exactly what Waukegan needed. Until Vega's basket, New Trier played a constant back-and-forth game, where no team led by more than five pints.

Six lead changes and seven straight missed shots at one point by Waukegan, kept the first half close, And Bulldogs failed to capitalize off 15 Trevian turnovers, as New Trier took a 24-22 lead into the locker room.

The third quarter was much of the same. New Trier continued to turn the ball over, but their defense was good enough to keep Waukegan scorers- particularly Gaiter, who didn't get his first basket until halfway through the third—in check.

And down five late in the third Waukegan looked as if their luck was running out. Then Frazier hit two of his five three-pointers, as the crowd exploded.

The Bulldogs took the momentum into the fourth quarter, and used suffocating defense to old their opponents to only four points in the final period.

Baskets by Vega and Ricky Miller clinched the game. A game Colbert said he was happy

"I want to give New Trier a lot of credit, because they really made us play hard," Colbert said. "To our players credit they found a way to win. Earlier in my coaching tenure we would have lost a game like that. But now this team has matured and they know how to win in those crucial moments.'

Frazier led the team with 19 points. Vega and Tyrell Edwards had 11 and eight respectively.

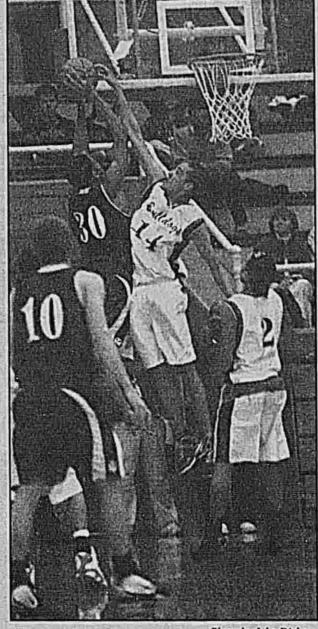


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Waukegan High School's David Davis blocks New Trier from making a basket. The game ended in a 52 - 45 victory for Waukegan.

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In consecutive days last week, the Bulldogs defeated Proviso, Zion and Glenbrook South. The closet match for the Bulldogs was against Provision, which kept it close at 36-30. Zion and GBS were beaten 56-14 and 58-12 respectively.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Waukegan sophomore Sierra Shipley, took matters into her own hands as Waukegan was trying to hold off Woodlands Academy.

After Woodlands had trimmed the margin to three points, Shipley took over, with a basket, then a tip-in to close the third quarter with a five-point Bulldogs lead.

The fourth quarter was all Waukegan at the Wauconda Holiday Tournament. Shipley canned a trey for an eight-point lead and the Bulldogs were on their way to a 45-24 win. Waukegan led 19-14 at halftime.

"That was the kind of game we were looking for from Shipley," said Waukegan coach Collette Erbach. "We had a burst of energy in the fourth quarter. We have been getting better, but we are not at the level of our conference yet.

GOLLEGE LAKE COUNTY

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

he College of Lake County men's basketball team is currently in the midst of an extended winter break from basketball that started Dec. 12 and doesn't end until they take on Morton College Jan.

They've earned it.

The Lancers are off to one of their best starts in school history at 13-1 and have averaged just over 92 points through their first fourteen games.

They finished off their pre-conference season with a bang Dec. 11, reaching the century mark for the fourth time in nine games with a 122-79 blowout of St. Francis University.

But, consistent with the rest of the season, head coach Shawn Chism did not get too wrapped up in the offensive production.

"The score was not indicative to what actually happened," he said. "We had a lot of baskets that were scored toward the end of the game when it was already over,"

Chism said St. Francis hung tough with his Lancers for the first eight minutes of the game. But then CLC's speed and athleticism took over and the point margin began to widen.

Several Lancers kept the scorer's table busy against St. Francis.

Sophomore forward Aaron Jones notched a double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Freshman forward Tony Murdock helped out in the paint, chipping in 13 points and pulling down six boards.

Freshman point guards Bobby Tisdale (17 points, five assists) and Jerod Harris (14 points, four assists) also had solid efforts, along with sophomore shooting guard Marlon Cobb (11 points, thee assists).

By the end of the first half, the Lancers had built a comfortable margin at 62-37.

And while the offense was once again clicking in the second half, Chism said he was more concerned with his squad's defensive

"We were trying to look at keeping their point total down for the end of the game," he said. "When we were going to play offense the guys were trying hard to score but I asked them, 'Can we give the same intensity to stop the other team from scoring?""

Chism said he was happy with the way his team responded to the challenge and played more aggressive defense in the second half. With the offense clicking on all cylinders, he added that solid D would continue to be a priority when the team reassembles next month.

"That's our main thing that we're going to focus on when we start practice Jan. 3, our defense," Chism said. "We need to tighten up on our defense underneath the basket, on out of bounds plays and general rotations."

This week, Chism said the team is focusing on final exams. He is holding optional practices until the first semester ends Friday, Dec. 17, then the team is off for the holidays.

The team will resume the season with

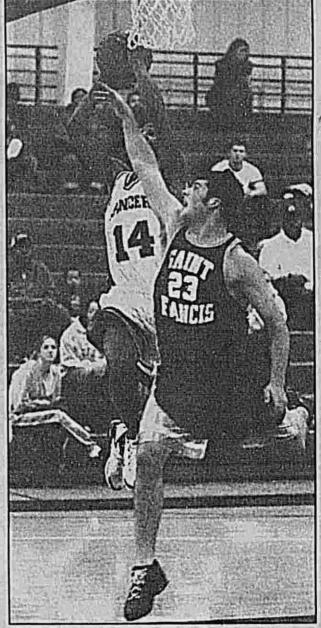


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College of Lake County guard Bobby Tisdale is blocked by a St. Francis player during a lay-up attempt during a home game in Grayslake.

their first Skyway Conference game Jan. 11 when they take on Morton College.

After such a strong start, the obvious goal is to win the conference title. And Chism said the key is playing solid games away from home.

"There are certain teams we need to sweep to win the league," he said. "I'm hoping that we can win on the road and win all the home games. If we can win more road games than we lose, then we have a chance to win the league."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The College of Lake County's women's basketball team fell to 1-10 on the season with a 70-56 loss to Kennedy King College last Saturday.

Round Lake graduate Jamle Schaufel and Warren alum Brooke Peterson each led the Lancers with 14 points apiece.

"We had a real problem competing on the offensive and defensive boards," CLC coach Bill Braman said.

CLC will travel to Dixon to take on Sauk Valley on Dec. 18 before travelling to Glen Ellyn to compete in the DuPage Tournament over holiday break.

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Schools were given a chance to see 125 kids this year, a high for the event, which drew around 50 kids the first year.

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ents," Kuceyeski said. "Plus the kids can visit 10 schools in a night which gives them a lot of options."

So while this year's football night drew a record number of schools and attendees, the event has always been a success, according to Kuceyeski.

It's been successful every year," Kuceveski said of the event, which even drew kids from Cook and McHenry County. "We're going to keep doing it, and hopefully more people and more schools will come out next

SIDELINES

"This team will be unstoppable in a year or two," Panico said. "I just want to win again and be a contributing factor to the team."

Several other area standouts had solid seasons at colleges all over the Midwest.

Carmel graduate Amy Hanson finished her season with the UW-Whitewater soccer team last month with seven assists, the fifth most in school history. She will also graduate with the 11th most assists in a career.

Eric Luna, another Carmel graduate, was named to the second team all CCIW at Elmhurst College. The junior had 1,083 vards on 227 carries and 11 touchdowns. It was his second straight All-CCIW selec-

Eastern Illinois University in Charleston plays host to a pair of former prep stars. Antioch grad Vicky Garrison, a sophomore, scored her first collegiate goal this past season against Western Illinois, Freshman Drew Cairo-Gross (Carmel) earned a letter at offensive guard, after starting two games with 13 pancake blocks and no sacks allowed.

Matt Reed (Grayslake), a sophomore, earned a letter in soccer at Milliken University, while Jessica LeClaire (Carmel), a freshman, earned a letter in volleyball.

Augustana junior Joe Baumann (Carmel) is second on the basketball team in scoring with 13.6 points per game. He had 17 points in back-to-back games last week, including one on 6 of 7 shooting in a 78-55 win over Coe Dec. 8.

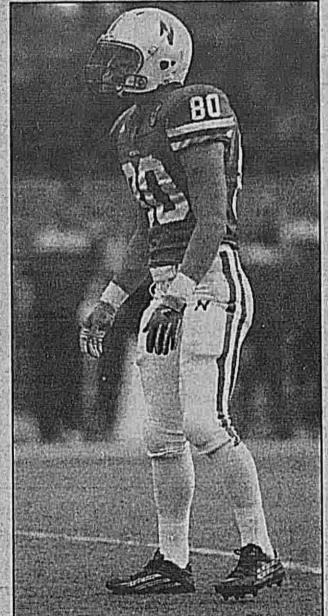


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University of Nebraska freshman and Libertyville graduate Santino Panico awaits a punt in a game earlier this fall.

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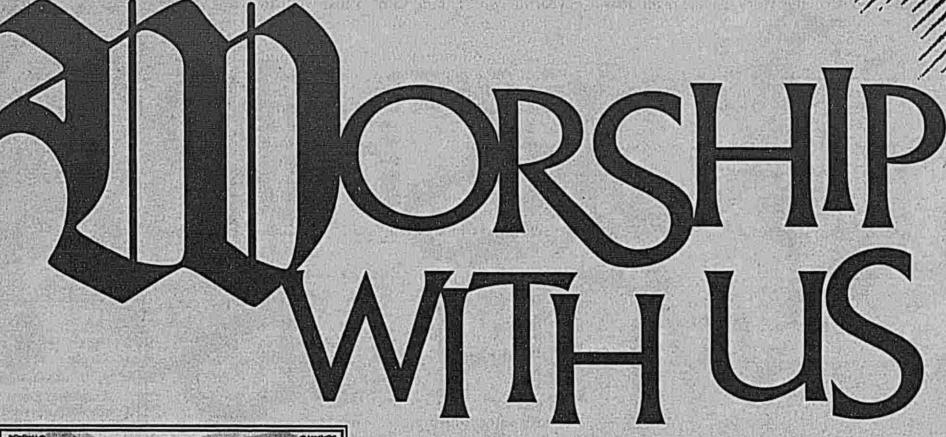


A.J. Kegg, a student at Warren Township High School, talks with Keith Kura, an assistant football coach at North Park University, as Mike Fabre, also a student at Warren, fills out some paperwork during College Football Night at Libertyville High School.



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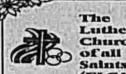
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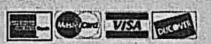
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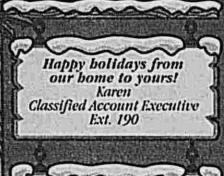
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The Year End Job Search

By Scott T. Fleischmann

Job searchers often reduce efforts at the end of the year for two reasons. Firstly, like everyone else, they have more to do at this time of year. Therefore, keeping the job search in high gear becomes time burden. Secondly, there is an old rumor that hiring slows at this time of year. Some use these excuses to cause themselves job

Regardless of the reason, allowing the job search to slow at any time is a mistake. This is a busy time for everyone. But there are also other times of year that are busy. Do not allow this to be an excuse. Some hiring does slow later in the year. Yet, there is hiring for both the seasonal jobs and for some great permanent posi-

The Job search process is a sales process. Those who are seeking a job are selling their skills and experience to recruiters and hiring managers. Those who are sales peo-ple talk about having a sales pipeline. It is the string of

possible sales that are in process. The various potential opportunities are in different stages at any given time; they are at varied stages in the pipeline. At the work when the process starts, a candidate sends a resume to a potential employer. The process on that job is at the beginning of the pipeline. As that possibility progresses through the telephone interview, in-person interview, reference checks, job offers and negotiations, that employer moves further down the pipeline. moves further down the pipeline.

At any point in time, a candidate should have job oppor-

tunities at various points in the pipeline. Those who decide to slow the process at the end of the year will enter January with a diminished pipeline. They will need extra effort to rebuild the flow to the level that it was at in mid

The key to year-end job searches is to continue the same effort that was expended in the first eleven months of the year. Use the newspapers, Internet and relationships to identify job opportunities. Apply for those jobs and then follow the resume or application submission with a telephone call.

On the other side of the equation, some recruiters also slow their efforts during the holiday season. When I teach recruiting, this foible is taught as an incredible mistake. I share various stories about the fantastic candidates that I have hired in the last month of the year.

Both candidates and recruiters who reduce their efforts are missing opportunities. Rebuilding a pipeline, as any sales person will explain is a tedious process. Those who know that they have opportunities have hope. Hope increases confidence, and confidence increases opportunities. A break at any point will reduce the job seekers potential for finding a fulfilling new job.

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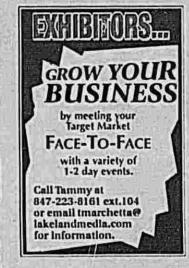
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(847)587-0575. The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) withdrawing from the business this 23rd day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Adriana Lomeli Notary Public Received: Nov. 23, 2004 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1203A-6933-LV December 3, 10, 17, 2004

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NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS John W., Laurel B. Osmond, 801 S. Grand Ave, Waukesha, WI. 53186, (262)522-9277.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ John W. Osmond /s/ Larel B. Osmond Nov. 26, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 29th day of November 2004. OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Judy Larson

Notary Public Received: Dec. 2, 2004 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1210B-6942-LV December 10, 17, 24, 2004

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PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Supreme Home Repair and Improvement NATURE/PURPOSE: Carpentry/Remodeling ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 34611 N. Sequoia Dr., McHenry, IL. 60051, (815)759-6906. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Chris Nutt, 34611 N. Sequola Dr., McHenry, IL. 60051, (815)759-6906. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business Is/are correct as shown. /s/ Chris Nutt

COUNTY OF LAKE)

December 13, 2004 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 13th day of December 2004. OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/Candy L. Luzar **Notary Public** Received: Dec. 13, 2004 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1217C-6950-FL December 17, 24, 31, 2004

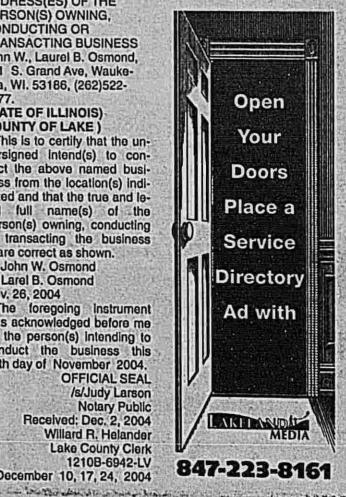
PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Vans Electric NATURE/PURPOSE: Commercial & Residential Electrical Insattl ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 26035 W. IL. Route 60, Grayslake, IL. 60030, (847)546-NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE

PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Jerry VanDyke, 26035 W. IL. Route 60, Grayslake, IL. 60030, (847)546-1086. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and le-

gal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Jerry VanDyke Nov. 19, 2004 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this

19th day of November 2004. OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Candy Welch Notary Public Received: Nov. 22, 2004 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1203A-6934-GL December 3, 10, 17, 2004



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PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: For Keeps NATURE/PURPOSE: Hand made Jewelry-Wholesale Distributor ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-

ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

302 Blossom, Apt. 102, Lake-

moor, IL. 60051, (815)363-NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Colleen A. Lennon, 302 Blossom, Apt. 102, Lakemoor, IL. 60051, (815)363-0346. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the un-dersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) Indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Colleen A. Lennon July 29, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Candy Welch Notary Public Received: Nov. 22, 2004 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1203A-6935-FL December 3, 10, 17, 2004

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PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: North Suburban Cleaning NATURE/PURPOSE: Cleaning Service ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 650 Whitney Ct. #107, Gurnee, IL. 60031, (847)212-NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Azama & Aldarov, 650 Whitney Ct. #103, Gumee, IL. 60031, (847)212-9389. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the un-dersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Azama & Aldarov Dec. 6, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) Intending to conduct the business this 6th day of December 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Adriana Lomeli **Notary Public** Received: Dec. 6, 2004 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1210B-6945-GL December 10, 17, 24, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF LIEN SALE To Last Known Address: Harlan W. Hom 23519 Field Rd., Lake Zurich, IL. 60047

Your right to use space(s) 618 at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, 500 Rand Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084 has terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property. DEMAND FOR PAYMENT IS BEING MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS. The stored property is subject to a lien in the amount of \$437.00. This amount will continue to increase in accordance with the terms of your rental agreement until pald or the property is sold. They are itemized as follows: Date: 12/14/04, Rent: \$398.00, Inventory: \$30.00, Late Fee: \$9.00, Due Date: 12/14/04, Balance: \$437.00,

TOTAL DUE: \$437,00 THIS SUM MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE 12/14/04 OR THE PROPERTY WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD. Any excess proceeds of the sale over the lien amount and costs of sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by you, or claimed by another person having a court order or other judicial process against the property, at any time for a period of 2 years from the sale and thereafter the proceeds will

General description of Goods: Washer/dryer unit, mattress, couches, rubbermaid container, tables, dressers, stereo,

Date and Location of Sale: 1/3/05 at 1:00 p.m. at Wauconda Self-Service Storage, P.O. Box 505, 500 Rand Road, Waucon-

You may pay this sum and may contact the owner at:

847-526-5055

1217C-6952-WL December 17, 24, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: D and L Carpet Cleaning NATURE/PURPOSE: Carpet cleaning ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 685 Brittany Square, Apt. #4, Grayslake, IL. 60030, (847)770-7248. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Fernando D. Meza, 685 Brittany Square, Apt. #4, Gray-slake, IL. 60030. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) Indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Fernando D. Meza Dec. 2, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) Intending to conduct the business this 2nd

day of December 2004. OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Christina J. Hom **Notary Public** Received: Dec. 2, 2004 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1210B-6943-GL December 10, 17, 24, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Nemo's Pub NATURE/PURPOSE: Tavem ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

25196 Route 173, Antioch, IL. 60002, (847) 445-5902. 25681 Arcade Drive South, Lake Villa, IL. 60046, (847)973-8323, NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS George Nejmanowski, 25681 Arcade Dr. South, Lake Villa, IL. 60046, (847)973-8323. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) Indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business Is/are correct as shown. /s/ George Nejmanowski December 13, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 13th day of December 2004. OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/Roger W. Verne Notary Public Received: Dec. 13, 2004 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 1217C-6949-AN December 17, 24, 31, 2004

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PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Lake Heat Treat NATURE/PURPOSE: Commercial Heat Treating ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 179 Ida, Antioch, IL. 60002, (847) 344-9034. P.O. Box 637, Antioch, IL. 60002, (847) 344-9034. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Richard C. Reynolds, W8444 Town Hall Rd., Sharon, Wi.,

53585, (262)736-4360. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named busi-ness from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business Is/are correct as shown. /s/ Richard C. Reynolds November 29, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 29th day of November 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Denise Petkoft Notary Public Received: Dec. 2, 2004 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 900

LEGAL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS Public notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file in the Village Clerk's office of the Village of Fox Lake, that a public hearing will be held on January 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Fox Lake, Illinois, to hear the Petition of Duchow's Boat Center, Dan Robinson, lessee of the following described real estate to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Lot 13 (except that part described as follows: Beginning at the most Southeasterly corner of said Lot 13; thence North 78 degrees, 51 minutes West along the Southerly line of said Lot 13, a distance of 125.00 feet to an angle point in said Southerly line of said Lot 13; thence North 90 degrees West along said South line of said Lot 13, a distance of 125.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees East, a distance of 126.29 feet to the Northerly line of said Lot 13; thence South 67 degrees, 03 minutes East along the Northerly line of said Lot 13, a distance of 269.06 feet to the most Northeasterly corner of said Lot 13; thence South 0 degrees West along the Easterly line of said Lot 13 a distance of 45.65 feet to the point of beginning), all in First Addition to Frank Tonyan's Subdivision, being a Subdivision of part of Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 45 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded May 17, 1957 as Document 95088, in Book 34 of Plats, page 24, in Lake County, Illinois.

PARCEL 2: That part of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 45 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of Sayton Road, 930 feet North of the South line of Section 10, said point being 250 feet East of the West line of sald Section 10; thence East parallel with the South line of said Section 10, 200 feet to a point; thence North Parallel with the West line of said Section 10, 326.7 feet to a point; thence West parallel with the South line of said Section 10, 200 feet to the East line of said Sayton Road; thence South 326.7 feet to the point of beginning (except the South 175 feet there of), in Lake County, Illinois.

Location of property is: East side of Sayton Road South of Industrial Drive

The common address is: 135 Sayton Road

Petitioner is requesting the following: Special Use for Boat

Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village Hall in Fox Lake, Illinois

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be

Respectfully submitted, Ron Stochl, Chairman Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals Dated at Fox Lake, Illinois This 22nd day of November, 2004 1217C-6947-FL December 17, 2004

LEGAL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file in the Village Clerk's office of the Village of Fox Lake, that a public hearing will be held on January 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Fox Lake, Illinois, to hear the Petition of The Luxury Boat Exchange, Dan Robinson, lessee of the following described real estate to-wit:

PARCEL 1: That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Fractional Section 9, Township 45 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded by a line, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of Grand Avenue which point is 248.65 feet Southwesterly from the Westerly line of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, thence Southeasterly parallel with the Westerly line of said Railway, 112 feet for a point of beginning and the Northeast comer of the land herein intended to be described; thence Southwesterly parallel with the Southerly line of Grand Avenue, 194.70 feet to the Easterly line of State Ald Route No. 12, thence Southerly along the Easterly line of State Aid Route, 40 feet to a point 153.3 feet South of the Intersection of said Easterly line of said State Ald Route No. 12, and the Southerly line of Grand Avenue, as said intersecting, lines existed prior to 1931; thence Easterly at right angles to said Easterly line of State Aid Route No. 12, 207.75 feet to the Westerly line of Pistakee View Highlands Subdivision; thence Northerly along the Westerly line of sald Pistakee View Highlands Subdivision, 32.7 feet to the Northwest corner of said Pistakee View Highlands Subdivision; thence Northwesterly 50 feet to the point of beginning, in Lake County, Illinois.

PARCEL 2: That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Fractional Section 9, Township 45 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded by a line, described as follows to wit: Commencing at a point on the Easterly line of State Ald Route No. 12, 152.3 feet South of the Intersection of said Easterly line of said State Ald Route No. 12 and the Southerly line of Grand Avenue, as said intersecting lines existed prior to 1931; thence Southerly along said Easterly line of State Aid Route No 12, 60 feet; thence Easterly at right angles to said Easterly line of State Aid Route No. 12, 207.75 feet to the Westerly line of Pistakee View Highlands Subdivision; thence Northerly along said Westerly line of said Pistakee View Highlands Subdivision, 60 feet, more or less, to a part Easterly of the point of beginning, measured at right angles to said State Aid Route No. 12 and thence West 207.75 feet to the point of beginning, in Lake County, Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 05-09-200-028 Property Address: 5 S. Route 12 FOX LAKE, IL.

Location of property is: East side of Route 12, 1 block South of Grand Avenue

The common address is: 7 South Route 12

Petitioner is requesting the following: Special Use for Boat Sales and inventory display.

Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village Hall in Fox Lake, Illinois

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Stochl, Chairman Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals Dated at Fox Lake, Illinois This 1st day of December, 2004 1217C-6948-FL December 17, 2004





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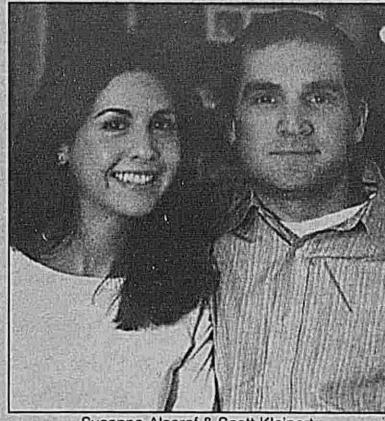
Susanne Alsaraf & **Scott Kleinert**

An announcement has been made of the engagement of Susanne Alsaraf and Scott Kleinert.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Sadik and Margaret Alsaraf of Round Lake. She graduated from Palatine High School and has a degree in Fine Arts from Northern Illinois University. Susanne is employed at Lakeland Media in Grayslake as a graphic designer.

The future groom is the son of Jim and Gail Kleinert of Palm Springs, Fla. He is a graduate of Grand Ledge High School and has a degree in computer information systems from Western Michigan College. Scott is employed at Micheal Leiws.

Susanne and Scott began dating in July of 2001. They plan to be married in 2006 and will settle in Chicago.



Susanne Alsaraf & Scott Kleinert

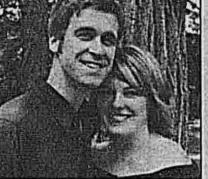
Melissa Foreman & Simon Heydon

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foreman announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Foreman to Simon Heydon, son of Hilary Heydon and Martin Heydon of London, England. An August 2005 wedding is planned at Independence Grove in Libertyville.

Melissa, a 1997 graduate of Warren Township High School, received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Graphic Design from Carroll College in 2001, and pursued a career in advertising. In the fall, Melissa will return to school to complete a post graduate degree in education at Middlesex University in London, England.

Simon received his A-levels from Coulsdon College in London, England, while working for his local government in housing finance. He is currently pursuing a LLB Law degree at Middlesex University in London, England. A June 2006 graduate is expected.

The couple will reside in London, England after the wedding.



Melissa Foreman & Simon Heydon

Corie Torres & Nick Hybl

The engagement of Corie Torres and Nick Hybl is being announced.

Corie is the daughter of Judy Torres and a 2000 graduate from Round Lake High School. She received her cosmetology license from Lake County Technology School and has been living and working in Florida for the past

Nick, son of Cindy Hybl is also a graduate of Round Lake High School, year 2001. He has also been living in Florida where he attended Full Sail School of Film. Nick graduated in October, programme and the state of the state with an associates degree in science in film and video production.



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Corie Torres & Nick Hybl

Since graduation they are both living in Pennsylvania, pursuing their chosen careers. They are planning a summer 2005 wedding, in their hometown, Round Lake Beach.

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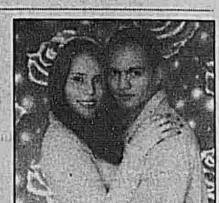
Danira & Peter Crisostomo

The wedding of Danira Aleman Hernandez and Peter John Crisostomo, was held Nov. 20 at Santa Maria del Popolo Church in Mundelein. The celebration and reception was held at the China Buffet in Mundelein.

Attending the bride was her maid-of-honor, Laura A.

The groom's best man was his brother, Joe Crisostomo. Danira is the daughter of Enrique Aleman Perez and

Margarita Hernandez Cruz of Mundelein Peter is the son of Pedro Cepeda Crisostomo and June Mafnas Crisostomo of Guam.



Mr. & Mrs. Crisostomo

Sarah and Jesse Gooslin III

Sarah Fogle and Jesse Gooslin III, were married on Aug. 21 at Heritage Park in Westerville, Ohio.

Becky McClister was the bride's maid-of-honor. The groom's best man was Mike Stanley

Sarah's parents reside in Westerville, Ohio and Jesse's parents live in Galloway, Ohio.

The newlyweds honeymooned at Myrtle Beach, SC. and will reside in Columbus, Ohio.

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